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### I

#### BRETHREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

Once again I give you brotherly greeting as we enter a new cycle of Theosophical activity in the midst of the most terrible cataclysm the world has, perhaps, ever known, excepting disasters involving an actual reshaping of the physical earth itself: a reshaping which may indeed follow upon the present Armageddon.

#### PRICELESS OPPORTUNITIES ARE OURS

And as I view the world and in it the Theosophical Movement and The Theosophical Society I feel humbly but inexpressibly thankful that a large group of us who call ourselves today members of The Theosophical Society, but who have been known otherwise in the past, have been chosen to help the world in its death-throes and birth-throes with the elixir of Theosophy and the balm of The Theosophical Society.

Could there be any more stirring opportunity for anyone at any time than to find himself in the midst of a whole world infinitely stricken and with the

power to help to heal the world to a new virility, to a new life, to a happiness it has never known before?

Such opportunity is ours today. It is priceless, and we reject it at peril to ourselves and to the dedication to the world's service to which we have been called.

I say we must be ardent as never before in spreading the mighty Truths of Theosophy both through our lives and our exhortations. We cannot afford to allow a single moment to pass by which can in any way be used to illumine even a single heart with the conviction that Theosophy is Truth and therefore Happiness.

I say we must be ardent as never before in holding up before the eyes of all the splendour and perfect consolation of membership of The Theosophical Society. We must seek to use every suitable moment to show that The Theosophical Society and its members are the advance-guard for the post-war world—the world in which the spirit of Universal Brotherhood shall receive a homage it has never received before.

In the midst of this Armageddon our dedication as trustees of the Truths of

Theosophy and knights of the Universal Brotherhood of The Theosophical Society must shine with fiery purpose. Our younger members are called in special measure to our common dedication, for they should be able to show us of the older generation what, in the present darkness, means the trusteeship of the Truths of Theosophy and the chivalry of membership of The Theosophical Society. Our youth is our advance-guard, while one of the greatest privileges of age is both to give to youth of its experience and to follow youth's leadership.

### UNDER THE BANNER OF OUR ELDER BRETHREN

But while these two opportunities—duties—are ours, we have also the duty of ranging ourselves under the banner of our Elder Brethren in the terrific clash between Good and evil which once more afflicts the world. There have been many clashes before. There will be many in the future. But we are at one of the great turning-points in the evolution of the world, and every single individual who believes in brotherhood must be at his post guarding the Right against the onslaughts of wrong. Either the world will sink for many a century into a great darkness in which brute force shall rule and ruin, or the world will shake itself loose from envelopment in the soul-destroying fumes of evil. Which shall it be? Upon Theosophists and members of The Theosophical Society the answer in no small measure depends.

### NO NEUTRALITY

I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that every Theosophist whose conscience is not in unfortunate opposition is in duty bound to help in all ways possible to him the prosecution of the great war to a triumphant victory, not in any spirit of hatred—hatred is impossible to a Theosophist—but in a spirit of justice and righteousness to free

from return to barbarism all the peoples of the earth. No Theosophist, I hold, can be indifferent to the war, neutral to the war, unaware that this is a Day of Judgment for us all during which we either stand actively for the Right or are against it—there is no middle way for any of us on such a momentous Day. Still less can a member of The Theosophical Society, charged as each is with the spread of Brotherhood and with the dissipation of hatred, be indifferent or neutral. He dare not be.

### PLANNING THE NEW WORLD

But not only must we give all possible help to the forces of Light, we must also begin to prepare for the Peace of Victory which shall follow the war. We must begin the planning of the new world. We must have ready for a stricken humanity and for stricken creatures in every kingdom of nature a great world-wide Convalescent Home in which as far as may be to repair all injuries and to restore all health. And out of that Convalescent Home must slowly but surely emerge a world-wide Order of prosperity and peace, a World Order in which shall be recognized, as the *sine qua non* of an enduring Peace, the active and practical recognition of a Brotherhood of Nations, of Faiths, of human and sub-human Life.

Reconstruction for Peace must begin without delay while we are still in the midst of the innumerable experiences of the war. The more strenuously we work for a righteous Peace even now, the more will be fortified the forces which work for Righteousness against the hordes of evil.

Thus should every Theosophist, howsoever he may be situated, plan and help to plan for a post-war Peace in which all peoples shall freely participate.

## KNOW YOUR THEOSOPHY

I have said that every Theosophist must spread the Truths of Theosophy and the dynamism of membership of The Theosophical Society far and wide. Yes; but he must know Theosophy. He must know that Theosophy is true. He must have had experience of the truth of Theosophy. Otherwise, how is he going to make Theosophy and his membership of The Theosophical Society a living reality in his planning and in his helping to plan for Peace? A righteous Peace must needs be built upon experienced Truths of Theosophy and therefore needs the craftsmanship of Theosophists, be they or be they not members of The Society or knowers of Truth as some of us conceive we know it.

We must know our Theosophy in our own individual ways. We must try to know some of it at first hand: being content, of course, to know much of it at second hand.

We must spread it as we deem it can be most eagerly and thankfully received, both in its aspect of pure science and in its aspect of pure service.

We must use its light to show us our undoubted way in the encircling gloom, so that we may tread the way with courage and with conviction, un-

falteringly to its goal. We must know Theosophy as the forth-setting of the Great Plan of unfolding Life, and through such knowledge we must contribute the practical wisdom of Theosophy to Reconstruction for Peace.

## MESSENGERS OF THE LIGHT

Some of us may employ our Theosophical craftsmanship in one way, some in another, some to help to reveal the very Plan itself, some to be busy with the foundations, some to be occupied with this, that, or the other aspect of the superstructure. Some of us may give a very little help. Some of us may be able to give a little more help.

So long as each one of us is a soldier-craftsman and a priest-teacher, and thus a messenger of the Light of our Elder Brethren, he will have justified his selection to serve the Truth and the Brotherhood in these perilous times.

I look forward to my second term of office, to which you have so generously elected me, in this hope, for I am sure that if I can fulfil it I shall have justified your election and Their continued blessing—for myself perhaps in some measure, but infinitely more, with your own whole-hearted co-operation, for Their Society and for you.

## THEOSOPHY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

### II

#### AUSTRALIA

The Section is composed of 16 active Lodges and 71 Unattached Members scattered about the Commonwealth. A comparatively heavy death-roll removed many older members who had devoted their lives to the cause of Theosophy.

Mr. Jinarājadāsa's visit in October 1940 was greatly appreciated and considerably strengthened the Section.

The Annual Convention was held at Adelaide for the first time in thirty years and proved an outstanding success.

Broadcasting still continues to be an important branch of the Section's activities. On three sessions a week members of The Theosophical Society deliver addresses on "Straight Theosophy"; a fourth session has been allocated to various humanitarian



movements, and there are indications that these broadcasts are having a mind-broadening effect on a segment of the Australian public.

The Section magazine has endeavoured to shed light on the present world problems, and these efforts have been greatly appreciated.

## BURMA

Out of the twelve Lodges of the Section, five are very actively engaged in promoting Theosophical study and activity. Among these is the Rangoon Youth Lodge with regular study classes, talks and monthly socials, and a series of public lectures.

Members still take continued interest in the schools working under the Burma Educational Trust. The Girls' School has now been raised to a High School.

The entire work of the Burma Humanitarian League is largely due to our members. The institution has been registered, its work expanded, and it is proving increasingly useful in Burma. During his visit to Burma, in December 1940, Mr. Jinarājādāsa accepted the Honorary Patronage of the League. (The League owes its birth to Brother Rāja.)

This visit was the high-light of the year. A very crowded programme was fulfilled with success and happiness.

Renewing a long-standing cordial invitation to Dr. Arundale and Rukmini Devi to visit Burma in the near future, the General Secretary brought to Convention personally the loving and affectionate greetings of the Section to both, and to Mr. Jinarājādāsa, assuring them of the Section's co-operation for the cause of Theosophy and service of humanity.

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

There has been a small increase in membership, towards which Mr. Rogers' inspiring visit to the Federation has

contributed. Hermes Lodge has made a very successful innovation, turning every other Sunday into a social-and-discussion meeting for the general public, to which a programme of music, poetry and Theosophical readings have attracted many.

## CENTRAL AMERICA

The General Secretary of the Central American and Panama Section was re-elected for another two years. Two members of the Section visited several Lodges and helped with study classes. Work is continuing satisfactorily in the Lodges. Young Theosophists in Costa Rica are a keen and interested group, hoping soon to enrol a seventh member so that a Youth Lodge may be started. The Section has done work in aid of the refugees and victims of war in Europe.

## ENGLAND

It is good to learn that the Headquarters and Lecture Hall of the English Section still stand comparatively unaffected by the heavy air raids of last year. Many adjoining houses were burnt out and demolished, but 50 Gloucester Place sustained only minor damage, which was able to be repaired in time to hold the Support Convention of the International Benares Convention on 29 December 1940.

It has been noticed that as the result of the war there is a noticeable increase of inquiries about Theosophy from young people, and new membership figures compare very favourably with those of last year.

Of the various Theosophical Days which we celebrate White Lotus Day was marked by a combined meeting in Besant Hall of representatives of various Theosophical Societies and allied groups, which proved very successful.

A full programme of activities has been carried out at Headquarters and has been enthusiastically supported in

spite of the difficulties of war conditions and blackouts. The scattering of members through evacuation and transference owing to war conditions has actually benefited the work, and though some Lodges have had to be closed, nine new centres have been opened as a direct result of an older member having been transferred to a new district.

The Annual Convention, May 31 to June 2, was well attended in spite of travelling difficulties.

Study courses have been widely used throughout the Section, and the Adyar correspondence course, *Theosophy at Work*, has been very popular.

Publicity has been vigorously carried on, many thousands of free leaflets having been distributed. Suitable literature from many sources steadily goes out all over the country to H. M. Forces, clubs, canteens and hospital libraries, in answer to personal requests from men in the services.

A Peace and Reconstruction Committee was appointed by the National Committee "to consider what should be the underlying spiritual principles in post-war reconstruction," and a preliminary statement was circulated to the Lodges for study and comment. (A "clipping" service and much valuable material was also sent to the Adyar Peace and Reconstruction Department, with short digests appended, which have proved invaluable.)

Serious deficits were expected for 1940 but were largely tided over by unexpected legacies. A similar expected deficit for 1941 has already been alleviated by various other legacies.

On the whole the report of the newly elected General Secretary, Mr. John Coats, a young Theosophist, is decidedly optimistic, and indicates that a spiritual renewal of some sort is certainly at work in the country, and that The Theosophical Society is receiving

its due share of attention therefrom. "The magnificent spirit which has so upheld the people of this country . . . has permeated every heart and shows itself everywhere in a magnificent understanding of the reality of comradeship under adversity, and dawning comprehension that this comradeship is at all costs to be preserved after the war is won, and never to be allowed to slip back into the old false divisions and misconceptions."

## ICELAND

Mr. Gretar Fells was re-elected General Secretary at the last Convention of the Section. He reports 23 new members and 2 resignations; and steady work throughout the year. Each winter are held 3 "propaganda evenings" at each of which 3 selected members speak in the spirit of Theosophy to public gatherings. "This method suits the Icelandic temperament." Also Radio talks to the public have been given and appreciated.

The Section magazine *Gangleri* is issued twice a year, and the circulation is increasing.

The General Secretary congratulates Dr. Arundale on his re-election as President, and assures him of the Section's confidence in his wise and liberal leadership.

Icelanders see the Divine Wisdom as pure Metaphysics. "The metaphysical depth in Theosophy makes it the splendid philosophy of life that it is, and to be a Theosophist means to be a metaphysician and live accordingly."

## INDIA

One of the outstanding events of the Benares Convention was the dedication of the Bhārat Samāj Temple by Rukmini Devi on 23 December 1940.

There was Convention registration of some 600 members, but as many as



1,500 attended the various lectures. It was however during the Dance Recitals by Rukmini Devi, with her new interpretation of Theosophy as Beauty, that the greatest heights were reached.

The whole of the Convention atmosphere radiated enthusiasm and it can be said that it was one of the great Conventions of The Society.

India has had the privilege of extensive lecture tours by several of our outstanding leaders. The President and Rukmini Devi toured Northern India with great success in October and November of this year. Mr. Jinarājādāsa visited many Lodges in January and March, and again while he was doing war work in Bombay from August to December. Mr. Sri Ram, Bhikkhu Arya Asanga and Professor Kanga all helped much in the work, in South India especially, while Mr. Rohit Mehta did much touring until he took up his duties as Recording Secretary at Adyar. Mr. Gokhale and the various Joint General and Federation Secretaries also carried out extensive tours, with the net result that an increase of over 350 members can be recorded.

The settlement of the differences with the Rishi Valley Trust is an important achievement. Both it and the needs of the Besant Theosophical School and the Bhārat Samāj Temple call for financial sacrifices from the members at large, for though there are a few most generous givers, much more remains to be done to secure the urgent work these movements are accomplishing. Endowment Funds are an absolute necessity.

## IRELAND

Northern Ireland has suffered savage bombing; even "neutral" Eire was not spared. The General Secretary regrets that this neutrality adds to the unhappy divisions in the country. But the Lodges have continued as usual. The membership is 81—2 more than

last year. Irish representatives were not permitted to travel to attend Conventions or Congress in the British Isles, but Mr. van Dissel managed a long visit to Ireland which was much appreciated—he went to every Lodge and contacted most of the members.

The T. O. S. is active helping the poor and the unemployed, and also has added canteen work for the troops.

The General Secretary concludes: "The future looks black, but we face it with confidence and devotion, believing in the ultimate triumph of the Good."

## NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

This Section reports over 1,000 members in 27 Lodges and 13 Centres.

Forty years of Theosophical work was celebrated at the Easter Convention at Djockjokarta with 212 members present.

The General Secretary reports that the Section is very alive and has contributed some useful suggestions for the present and future of the peoples of the Archipelago. They are very interested in Peace and Reconstruction, planning for a Theosophic world, and have sent the Peace and Reconstruction Department in Adyar a contribution towards their studies. Mr. Jinarājādāsa on his way to Adyar visited the Section in November 1940, strengthening and gladdening the work there. Radio lectures in Dutch and Javanese continue as usual, and five lectures on Eastern Philosophy were also delivered for the first time. The Theosophical magazines of the Section in Dutch, Malay and Javanese continue to be published.

The Order of Service is establishing new ties of many sorts with Government, and is beginning to attract attention.

The Foundation *Ananda* is a new activity for the study of Buddhism in

Java, and a small library on the subject of the Borobudur has been started, as also a small monthly paper on the subject. Young Theosophists are keen and alive and increasing in numbers.

The Order of the Round Table works successfully in many places and the Ritual of the Mystic Star is much liked.

Sending the Section's sincere feelings of love and devotion and their happy congratulations on Dr. Arundale's re-election as President of The Theosophical Society, the General Secretary conveys their fervent hope that the President and Rukmini Devi may visit them in 1942.

### NEW ZEALAND

Recording the loss by the passing of Miss Lilian Edger, the first General Secretary of New Zealand and a devoted worker for nearly 50 years, Miss Hunt points to a net gain of 61 new members this year.

The Victory Convention at Christmastime 1940 was a great success, with 150 members attending. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson was the chief guest of the Convention, and made a valuable and generous contribution. Touring subsequently through New Zealand with unprecedented success, he spoke in some of the best schools and colleges in the country, and there has been a distinct spread of Theosophical thought throughout the country as a consequence.

The Section magazine is sent free to all members and is proving very useful.

The Theosophical Women's Association is a new and important activity in New Zealand. Many members are active in public life and have valuable contacts. It has sent out a searching questionnaire preliminary to the preparation of a Charter of Peace for New Zealand.

Vasanta Garden School is doing very fine work indeed and is increasing in

numbers. Radiance may be said to be its chief characteristic.

Young Theosophists are very active. Miss Elsie Clay was the winner of the first Arundale Youth Lecture with an essay on "Saga of Human Life." The Vasanta Arts Group and other activities all flourish and contribute to the general success of the work of the Section. Many young men members are on active service overseas, and members individually are active in many war services. Some Lodges have special afternoons for war work.

Of the members 78 per cent voted unanimously for the re-election of Dr. Arundale to the Presidency of The Society. "We have valued several votes which have come from our boys overseas. They have written to say that though they know that their votes will arrive too late to be counted, they wish to have the privilege of recording them. . . . Looking back over the year's work, I feel that our Society in New Zealand has made some advance, and that members are actively devoted to the work."

### PUERTO RICO

The General Secretary apprehends decrease in membership of next year if no additions are made in the coming year as many old members are passing away. He thinks that in order to adapt to the changing conditions different methods must be tried to interest the public. Two radio talks lasting 15 minutes each were given in San Juan. The Social-Economic problems of Peace and Post-War period were studied on Sundays by adopting the Round-Table method to enable the members to have discussions.

### SCOTLAND

The General Secretary reports a slight increase in membership, and a fuller use of the Library by both members and public. Owing to war little

new activity has been undertaken, and individual effort, which has been very successful, has replaced public lectures in many cases. Meetings and study classes are being maintained at Headquarters and as regularly as circumstances allow in the country. The work generally is being pursued with steadiness and perseverance. Mr. van Dissel's visit in the autumn of 1940 was much appreciated and very helpful, while Miss Macmillan was also a welcome visitor.

The Annual Convention on 7-8 June 1941, with Mr. Sidney Ransom as Convention President, drew greater numbers than had been hoped for and was in every way a success.

### SOUTH AFRICA

An optimistic report on the work in South Africa comes from Miss Codd, who says that the work, in spite of war conditions, has been steady and progressive, and that in the four great centres, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town, "everything is shaping extremely well."

Johannesburg now has over a hundred members and Pretoria is not far behind. In the latter place more members of the Afrikaner nationality attend our meetings than anywhere else in Africa. University professors and others of like renown often attend or address our meetings there, and the beautiful Lodge building is becoming a well-known centre. Both Durban and Cape Town have a strong youth element. The presence of Bishop John Cordes is proving of very great help in the work.

Though three small Lodges have had to return their Charters owing to the difficulty of the times, this loss is offset by the excellent response which is increasingly coming from Rhodesia. Both Salisbury and Buluwayo now have a number of members, but no Lodges have yet been formed.

There is need for more travelling lecturers to cover the very great distances, the General Secretary being the only travelling lecturer at present.

### THE UNITED STATES, AMERICA

The American Section has given invaluable assistance to this 66th Convention in sending out letters to prominent Americans, asking for their opinion on Reconstruction, and forwarding by air mail the replies received.

Their 1941 Convention was devoted to the Building of a New World.

The General Secretary, Mr. S. A. Cook, writes that the study course in Practical Theosophy prepared at Adyar was sent out to 246 new members, of whom 61 availed themselves to a greater or less extent of the invitation to submit correspondence in connection with the lesson studies.

It has been found that competition from other organization, from the radio programmes, and an increasing nightly exodus to the suburbs, is reducing the audiences at lectures and at Lodge meetings as compared with earlier years.

Dr. Arundale's proposal of a Theosophical Problems Club was carried out as a semi-dramatic radio programme, and offered to a variety of local radio stations. The recording met with a surprising number of acceptances and was put on the air in a dozen cities.

Nearly 400 books were placed in public libraries, in the Defence Services camps and bases, in prisons, etc., and thousands of pamphlets were also similarly distributed.

A number of study courses are under way, and some nine lecturers have been in the field both to maintain contact with Lodges and to break new ground. A campaign is being undertaken with suggestions for making both Lodge and public meetings more attractive and interesting.

Many subsidiary activities are being enthusiastically and devotedly carried out.

Financially The Society has prospered during the year.

Young Theosophists form a vital department of the work.

Sending the cordial greetings of the members, the General Secretary writes:

"We cannot at this time and in these circumstances do other than dedicate ourselves still more deeply and more co-operatively to our purpose. The purpose of The Theosophical Society is to preserve and strengthen itself by better and more effective work in the days immediately ahead, that it may be strong and efficient when war is over and the problems of Reconstruction are upon us. . . . It is towards readiness for that day, by building stongly and well in the present, that our work must be directed. The problems of today must be met and solved, but our vision must carry us beyond them, for we are bearers of the torch of truth, by which alone liberty can be preserved and men as brothers can become truly free."

The generosity of the United States Section has been especially apparent in that they have paid the subscription of every member in occupied territories, so that at the end of the war every one of these will find themselves in good standing in The Theosophical Society.

The President terms the American Section "The Good Karma of the Society."

## WALES

In spite of difficulties of travelling, blackout and other problems arising from the war, 43 delegates attended the 19th Annual Convention of the Section, and made it a success so "it was of no little service to our country and to the world in these difficult times."

Then the Section was host to the 18th European Congress. "In spite of

no small difficulties, cancellations and changes, the Congress was duly carried through according to programme at Easter in Cardiff. . . ."

The membership is 182. Headquarters, Groups, Lodges and Centres all have "carried on." 76 members voted for Dr. Arundale's re-election as President.

"Wales has expressed an enthusiastic and loyal adherence to the cause of freedom and justice, and though we have suffered severely from air attacks, our one-pointed and whole-hearted support for the cause of the Allies is stronger than ever."

## UNSECTIONALIZED LODGES

*Selangor Lodge*, Kuala Lumpur, reports sustained enthusiasm on the part of the members and an increase in the numbers of interested inquirers. Meetings have been held regularly once a week, but since July, when the kindness of the Chairman of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society allowed the Lodge to move to their premises, two meetings a week have been possible. Study classes and healing groups have been steadily maintained, and a Golden Chain Club has been established amongst the children in a refuge home for South Indians in Selangor. A study class for interested friends has resulted in the application for membership from several. An active and enthusiastic Lodge.

*Singapore Lodge*. Three meetings a week have been held regularly by this active Lodge. They comprised a study class, a public meeting and a members' meeting, and there was a monthly Presidential tea party. The Ritual of the Mystic Star is performed several times a year and is well attended. The children's Golden Chain, formed by Mr. Jinarājadāsa in December 1940, is proving a great success. *The Malayan Theosophist* continues to spread Theosophy and is much appreciated by the



members. It is a very instructive journal.

**Krishna Lodge, Zanzibar.** An active programme of meetings and study classes is reported, besides which the Bhārat Samāj Nitya Puja-Vidhan is performed and expounded every Sunday morning. At the end of July a very successful Week of Remembrance and Self-Dedication was undertaken in which several sympathizers also took part. The members are enthusiastically anxious that they do "not miss a single opportunity of serving the public and the public institutions by sacrificing their time, energy and money." The Library of nearly 150 books is useful to both members and non-members, and also forms an excellent means of propaganda.

**Shanghai Lodge.** The evacuation of members from the town contributed to

a rather sharp decline of the membership, but regular weekly meetings have been maintained. The housing problem handicaps the usefulness of the Lodge as it has no premises of its own at present, sharing a room having a poor access with others.

**Manuk Lodge, Hongkong.** Regular meetings and study classes have been held as well as some public and special meetings, some of which were on the occasion of the Rev. J. Hadaway's visit on his way from Adyar back to America. Several books were added to the Library thanks to donations from members. A beginners' class, a study class on Psychology, attended by members and friends, and a musical study class were all held regularly, Dr. A Fung and Mr. F. W. Rossini being very helpfully in charge of these. Manuk Lodge voted for the re-election of Dr. Arundale.

## ADYAR IN 1941

### III

THE work of our International centre goes on with increasing power and purpose as we adapt it to changing conditions and objectives. The note sounded for the year has been the note of Peace and Reconstruction, the building of a new World Order, and in this the President gives first prominence to the work of Rukmini Devi which is having an effect upon all India. This work is embodied in Rukmini's own genius, in Kalākshetra, and in the Besant Theosophical School.

### KALAKSHETRA

Under the inspiring guidance of Rukmini Devi, Kalākshetra is extending its influence throughout India. She is spreading its culture from the South as Tagore spread his cultural ideals from Shantiniketan in the North. Her recent tour of the North was a veritable triumphal progress, culminating in Cal-

cutta with crowded houses at the Empire Theatre. Rukmini Devi is now acclaimed as the greatest exponent of Indian classical dancing and as the pre-eminent leader of a great cultural renaissance. Though her special phase of the renaissance emanates from South India, it will be part of that building of the New India which we associate with political activity, but which we must associate with cultural activity if the political renaissance is to be beautiful and noble, dignified and effective. Politics by themselves will not win Swarāj, but politics allied to a great renaissance of art and culture and of national education should be able to raise India to very great heights indeed.

Through Kalākshetra it is hoped that all the ancient arts of India will be revived into a beautiful synthesis, which will spread its cultural influence over the world. The Indian

movement must first be established, as Rukmini Devi is at present concentrating upon it, and the world movement may follow after the war. The world will certainly need all the healing influence which the Motherland is able to pour upon it, so shattered are the forms of spiritual manifestation in the territories overrun by Nazi materialism.

We may recall numerous occasions which signified the growing influence of Kalākshetra: the recitals at Ootacamund, before distinguished audiences including ruling princes and their family parties; the entertainment of His Excellency the Viceroy at the Cosmopolitan Club, Madras, when His Excellency extended his stay and congratulated Rukmini Devi on her beautiful programme; the Besant Festival at Adyar in September, which we propose to make an annual commemoration of our beloved President-Mother; and in many other ways, not overlooking the growing interest in Kalākshetra's handcrafts, the hand-woven materials of ancient designs, and the publication of books of exquisite craftsmanship, such as the fine library volume of Professor Cousins' poems designed by Kalākshetra artists and printed on our Vasanta Press.

It is to be noted that this cultural renaissance which is beginning to be felt and acclaimed throughout the length and breadth of India has its origin here in Adyar, and is inseparably connected with The Theosophical Society, for Rukmini Devi and the group of workers around her are working under the inspiration of Theosophy and Those who have given The Theosophical Society to the world.

#### THE BESANT THEOSOPHICAL SCHOOL

The Besant Theosophical School is doing the best it can with inadequate financial resources. The same can be said of the sister school at Benares.

Money is hard to acquire. But the President is tremendously optimistic. He says: "Even if sometimes I acquire nothing I am always imagining that round the corner people are tumbling over themselves in eagerness to pour financial assistance into my cup. We are not quite as financially secure as we would like to be, and that can be safely said of the Benares School also. We want to be secure. This educational memorial to Dr. Besant is a wonderful power and strength for The Theosophical Society and The Theosophical Movement. I am anxious that you should do all you can to help even microscopically. Now is the time help is wanted, and now is the time for you to give all you can in a spirit of abandonment. Give what you can, not allowing your purse-hand to know what your other hand is doing."

Our Adyar School has now a strength of 170 students, and of these 59 are resident, both boys and girls; and a staff of 27 teachers, most of them qualified young men and women, who are dedicated to the work and are living on a subsistence allowance.

The cultural tone of the School has been appreciably affected by Rukmini Devi's appointment as sole Director; she has infused the School with the arts of Kalākshetra, and her personal influence and magnetism are felt in every department, to its great advantage.

An event of great importance has been the introduction into the Middle School of the Montessori Method. While Dr. Montessori herself is interested in every detail of the school work, this new phase is under the personal supervision of Mr. Mario Montessori. The results have been remarkable; the students in this section absorbing with the greatest ease subjects which are usually taken in the High School. Similarly in the children's department, the work of their



creative intelligence is a splendid tribute to the efficacy of Dr. Montessori's Method.

The President says: "We are inestimably privileged to have Dr. Montessori and Mr. Montessori with us. It is no exaggeration to say that their strength in our educational work is priceless."

It is a happy augury for the future of our School that the students who pass out of it are creating a fine impression in the Madras University and the Colleges affiliated to it. Not only have they done well at the University and College examinations, in some cases winning every prize offered, but they are noted for their dignified manners and steady character. Yet this is the least we might expect from a school which in developing future leaders for the service of India is becoming ever more increasingly an effective memorial to our great President-Mother.

Our Adyar cultural centre, embracing both Kalākshetra and the School, is growing up into a splendid adolescence, and the President says he is "very happy and honoured to be with Rukmini Devi as she initiates these early strivings towards the vision of the present nucleus at Adyar developing into world dimensions, a World University perhaps, which will diffuse its cultural influences over the whole world."

### THE ADYAR LIBRARY

"When I say the Adyar Library," says the President, "I say Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi, the Honorary Director, though he may wonder why I do not single out many other workers, for he has so many wonderfully stalwart helpers." There has been a regular output of translated material, making our library regarded with approval and appreciation by authorities throughout the world. During 1941 several works were completed, others are in progress

through *The Adyar Library Bulletin* and independently, and still other works are projected. All these are Sanskrit classics edited by the pandits of the Library and their friends in the Madras University Library.

Adyar as a whole has suffered a great loss in the passing of Pandit S. Subrahmanya Shastri, a profound scholar in Sanskrit and in music, who has edited numerous works and collaborated in the editing of others.

The Director has published a descriptive catalogue of manuscripts in the Library; 29,000 books in the western section have been card-indexed, leaving only 1,700 volumes of English literature to be done; and the number of books consulted is yearly increasing, war conditions notwithstanding. We have two special needs as regards the Library: First, more accommodation for books and manuscripts, which means new buildings, and secondly, the endowment of a brotherhood of world culture for research students representing our various National Societies. Both these projects will have to wait till the war is over, though they are both equally urgent.

In December 1940, about the time of our Convention at Benares, our Society acted as host to the 16th Indian Philosophical Congress, and the mutual interchange was deeply appreciated by the delegates.

### PRESS DEPARTMENT

The Press Department with our good old friend Mr. Davidge has helped us wonderfully to keep going *Conscience* and *The New India Survey*, to which there has been a fine response. These are doing admirable work in communicating our views to innumerable newspapers throughout the country . . . How many newspapers *The New India Survey* supplies! *Conscience* is getting on as best it can. It is the least popular paper in India. Everybody reads it and

few like it. Everybody feels the Editor should write somewhat differently. He can only write in his way and in the way that seems to him best.

A fine extension of our Headquarters press work is the Inter-American News Service founded in New York in 1940 by two of our Spanish brethren, Señor Amaya and Señor Diaz, for the dissemination of Theosophy in Spanish-speaking countries of the two Americas, where they have a receptive clientele of over 70 newspapers. We have received vouchers from Chile, Ecuador, Cuba, Puerto Rico, publishing articles by Rukmini Devi, Mr. Jinārājadāsa, Dr. Arundale, Mr. Davidge, and other writers. There is a magnificent range for our publicity in Spanish America, with millions of people to contact. The President hopes that this Inter-American service will develop into an International service, which the directors are anxious to establish in their New York office. This World War, like the last one, is making splendid opportunities for throwing the light of Theosophy on problems of Reconstruction, and we should make the utmost of them. We shall naturally send whatever help we can from Adyar.

We are at the present moment setting up at Adyar a Spanish Department under the Direction of Señor Alfonso Tavera, who came to Adyar twelve months ago from the Republic of Colombia. Señor Tavera will be the President's liaison officer with all the Spanish-speaking countries in North and South America, with the very valued continued aid of Miss Irene Prest. He knows them all, having travelled through them with Mr. Jinārājadāsa, and they will have the great advantage of communicating with a fellow-national. This Spanish Department will be a distinct gain to Adyar, and should be no less beneficial to the countries which he represents. Señor Tavera will be able to collect or contri-

bute Spanish articles to *The Theosophist*, and it is hoped that eventually we shall be able to publish a Spanish edition of *The Theosophist* for these Latin countries. But this must come after the war.

Mr. Fritz Kunz's *Main Currents*, and Mrs. Gardner's *Theosophy in Action* linking the European Sections together in this war crisis, are also doing fine work for Theosophy in their special fields.

## OUR JOURNALS

Last year's report records for both journals, *The Theosophist* and *The Theosophical Worker* a reduced subscription list and a reduction in size. During this year there has been no appreciable change in the subscription lists, and so no further change in the size of either journal.

New features in *The Theosophist* introduced during the year are :

1. *Watch-Tower Guests* : The Editor has included since June, as part of his Reconstruction scheme, notes contributed by well-known workers. Also he has invited complete Watch-Towers from leading Theosophists—the first of these, appearing in the November issue, by our Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta; the second, by Mr. N. Sri Ram, of Adyar, appearing in December; the third, by Mr. S. A. Cook, General Secretary of the American Section, appearing in January 1942.

2. *Spanish Articles* : Appreciating the work done by the Spanish News Service (New York) for the dissemination of Theosophy, the Editor promised a periodical insertion in *The Theosophist* of Spanish articles. The first of these appeared in the April issue.

3. *Great Truths of Theosophy* : The October issue began a new series on the old truths of Theosophy—suitable for study by the present membership, specially new and young members.

4. "*Man, Moon and Plant*": The October issue also included the first chapter of a book devoted to "the brotherhood of roots"—the result of original practical research by a member in England.

Articles on Peace and Reconstruction continued, and the May *Theosophist* was a special Educational Reconstruction issue. It has been considered an extremely good number, and although extra copies were printed, the number was quickly out of print.

The *Theosophical Worker* continued the Editor's articles giving his intimate thoughts; the Publicity Bulletin for Lodge work; Adyar and Sections' news and notes and the President's Correspondence, which serve as links and suggestions for work among all members of the Theosophical world.

The two-page section on Peace Notes became an eight-page Reconstruction Supplement from June to December, serving also as a Bulletin of the 66th International Convention.

The Presidential Re-election provided enough material to transform the July *worker* into a special issue, which has been approved by readers.

It is worth while to note that printable contributions have continued to come from England, articles and letters of Theosophical interest written at the front line of war, between and even during air-raids, sometimes not typed, because the writer was an evacuee and had no typewriter, etc., etc., and all MSS. taking three months and more to travel. But they come.

#### THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Theosophical Publishing House has continued to do good work, and has made a small profit during the past year. It has published 27 books of various sizes, and has 5 more in the press. The T.P.H. is also a very valu-

able distributing centre for our Theosophical journals, and for books by other publishers on subjects closely related to Theosophy.

The President adds that he cannot express too highly his appreciation of the splendid service which Bhikkhu Arya Asanga has given for several years up to the point of his resignation as Manager of the T.P.H. in September last. He combines the excellent qualities of a writer with those of a business man, and our Publishing House has never flourished more abundantly than under his expert management. The present Manager is Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti, a young Theosophist of very promising ability.

#### THE VASANTA PRESS

Mr. Subbarayudu has maintained the usual high standard of excellence for his output from Vasanta Press, which comprises our several magazines, the newspaper *Conscience*, many booklets and leaflets and pamphlets and posters and books. Throughout India some of us have heard comments on what a wonderful press we have here in Adyar. Special mention may be made of two volumes which for style and get-up have received the appreciation of both the public and the reviewers, namely, *Collected Poems* by J. H. Cousins, and *A Royal Romance* by James Arther.

The passing of Mr. A. K. Sitarama Shastri in July 1941 has been a great loss to the Vasanta Press in particular as well as to Adyar in general. He founded and built up the Press and was its Superintendent (or Manager) for 25 years. He trained most of the workers in the Press including Mr. Subbarayudu, the present Superintendent.

We are happy to welcome as a member of the staff Mr. M. S. Nagaraja Rao, a young Theosophist, who has had some journalistic experience as a cadet on a Madras newspaper.

## PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

The Publicity Department has been full of admirable life and vigour under the direction of Mrs. Lavender and her assistants. Her flair for creative production is responsible for the hundreds of thousands of leaflets and pamphlets circulated during 1941.

The series of 10 leaflets under the title of *A Theosophic World* is having a very fine response; 150,000 were printed, and have been used now, with the Convention orders. Of these, 140,000 were sent to the approximately 700 Lodges that can be reached; and 4,000 have gone out to 10 Legislative Assemblies in divers National Societies, this being financed by a generous publicity worker. 3,000 longer copies of three of the leaflets were reprinted, 1,000 being to the order of a member of the Kashmir State Assembly, who is not a member of The Society.

Another fine piece of work has been the translation of the leaflet on *The Science of Theosophy* into Hindi and six other languages: 55,000 have been circulated freely to Indian Lodges, and 4,000 have been printed in English.

Much of Mrs. Lavender's success is due to her continued use of suggestions on publicity methods, regularly printed in the magazines. These are reprinted and circulated among members, and the result is an increasing demand for publicity material. Publicity must be up to date, so new issues have been made of propaganda leaflets for use at Headquarters. *Information for Inquirers*, in English and Tamil, has been well used. There is now an *Inquire Within* for genuine inquirers, and a 4-page leaflet, *The Theosophical Society, General Headquarters* for the sight-seeing visitor. *Why, When and How You Should Join The Theosophical Society* is for new members, for answers to inquirers' letters, and for specially interested visitors. Over 10,000 leaf-

lets have been used in this way this year.

Of other leaflets, *Peace with Honour*—free distribution 3,000; *An Open Letter to My Brethren in India* with the card "Said a Great Teacher"—sent to Lodges in India; *Work for Peace and Reconstruction*—to Lodges and members in all directions (over 4,000).

*The Work of The Theosophical Society in India*, compiled by Mrs. Peterson. The first issue of 6,000 has been used in sixteen weeks, and another 6,000 is in hand. A Gujarati translation has been made by a South African worker and is being printed.

The 250 sets sold earlier this year of the *First Correspondence Course: Theosophy at Work*, brought the total to 1,000 sets (10,000 lessons), the whole of the first issue. A second issue of 10,000 lessons has been reprinted, and is selling well. The booklets on *Theosophy Is the Next Step* are still "the next step," and continue to sell; over 3,000 were sold during this year.

For this Reconstruction Convention a new series of leaflets is ready, *Theosophy Calls to the New Age*—in Religion, Economics, Education, Social Living, Industry, Government and Citizenship, Art and Culture. The new book, *Adyar—Work at the Centre*, is very well produced, and is planned to help the life that flows through Adyar to radiate out to the members.

Mrs. Lavender ends her Report thus: "In the near as in the distant future Publicity Office looks for constant inspiration to the great President of The Society, its chief expert in publicity, to act as a sure beacon to guide the homing travellers into the sweet harbour of the Ancient Wisdom."

## PEACE AND RECONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

The principal preoccupation of the Peace and Reconstruction Department



since Mrs. Adeltha Peterson became its Secretary has been the communication of letters to eminent authorities in many countries asking their help in constructing charters of duties and rights in various fields of activity, as well as a Master Charter of human rights and duties. The response has been most encouraging. This Department has also issued the Convention Bulletin, published monthly under the title of "Building the New World" as a supplement of *The Theosophical Worker*.

The Besant Library which the President has established to help the workers to understand India contains the most important works written by the most eminent Indians from the Indian point of view. If you enquire, Mrs. Peterson will tell you where to obtain authoritative books written by Indians. We wanted to concentrate largely on books written by eminent Indians. Gifts of books, particularly by Indian writers, will be extremely acceptable.

[The complete report appeared in *THE THEOSOPHICAL WORKER* (Supplement) of October 1941.]

## THE ARCHIVES

Mr. Jinarājadāsa, who is the President's Deputy in the Archives Department, informs us that the mass of photographs and other material from all parts of the world is constantly increasing, and we need a full-time worker with an adequate knowledge of The Society's growth to take care of it. We need to give the Archives more attention. A workable card-index should be made on the basis of the existing catalogue, and when it is made it is proposed to use the decimal filing system invented by the head of the Madras University Library, Mr. S. E. Ranganatham. In this department are of course many of our permanent and priceless records, and among them the "Scrap Books" of Madame Blavat-

sky, with her marginal comments; and the Diaries of Col. Olcott and of Dr. Besant, which are rarely consulted but on rare occasions are the final authority as to events and dates. In the Museum, which is a department of the Archives, Mr. Jinarājadāsa has placed H.P.B.'s precipitated teapot, which he brought from London and which he regards as No. 1 exhibit.

If we become in any greater danger from our Japanese brethren, we shall have to consider carefully the removal of our archives to a secret place so that they may be safe for future generations.

## WELFARE

A good deal of attention is necessary from the Adyar helpers to workers on the Estate. From our Headquarters Welfare Fund 36 families have been helped to rebuild their homes and have received medical aid and special nourishment in time of illness. Such expenses as these our employees are unable to meet unless we help them.

The Child Welfare Centre and the Adyar Dispensary are doing extremely useful work among the people of the neighbouring villages. During the year nearly 60,000 cases were treated at the Dispensary for minor ailments. Nearly 300 maternity cases have been conducted by our Nurse Lakshmi, and nearly 500 women have received ante-natal and post-natal care. Nurse Lakshmi has given the astonishing number of nearly 10,000 visits to families in the villages. In addition to all this, hundreds have been treated for minor ailments, and nourishing food has been supplied to mothers and babies who would otherwise be starving. The work of Shrimati Bhagirathi (Mrs. Sri Ram), and her associates on the Welfare Committee deserves praise and support. They certainly help to keep Adyar and its neighbourhood clean and healthy.

To Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti, our medical consultant, and Dr. Gopalan, who

is in charge of the Dispensary, our community owes its deepest gratitude for their neverfailing and courteous attention.

### SANITATION AND LAUNDRY

Adyar is singularly free from the mosquito nuisance because of the determined activity of our Sanitary Officer, Mme. Cazin. She pleads that residents themselves could do much more in eradicating mosquitoes by attention to the rules of the Sanitary Department. This Sanitary work has to be done with great care; it includes the proper levelling and sloping of the ground in the gardens and plantations in order to drain off storm-water or surplus water into the river; it demands also close co-operation with the Garden and Engineering Departments.

Mme. Cazin is in charge also of the Adyar Laundry, which does its work with clock-like regularity. She makes several suggestions for improving the establishment.

### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Engineering Department is running most efficiently under the leadership of Mr. Lavender. The total value of works carried out during the year was about Rs. 17,000.

Mr. Lavender is also the official head of the A.R.P. services and has prepared plans for shelters and other safeguards should these become necessary. We have to take this War seriously, for it is coming nearer and nearer home. We are also giving special attention to A.R.P. for the animals in Adyar, the cows in the dairy and other animal residents, in case of raids.

A large number of residents will shortly be taking a special course for qualification as Air Raid Wardens, the President among them. [This has been done.]

Among many improvements done by the Engineering Department was the

renovation of "Gulistan," our official residence at Ootacamund. A small party of us spent our summer at "Gulistan," but the house is somewhat small for present requirements, and after we had returned to Adyar the property was sold. It had many sentimental links with Colonel Olcott who built it in the early eighteen-nineties, with Dr. Besant who was interned in the house in 1917, and with many of our principal workers who have stayed there over a period of half a century.

### OLCOTT FREE SCHOOLS

The Olcott Free School, founded by Colonel Olcott for the Harijan children, and its associated schools have a total of nearly 700 pupils. The visiting Government Inspector has this year noted that "the aim of the management—education rather than instruction—has been well achieved by the hard and sincere work of an enthusiastic staff." The method of real education is of course the ideal set up by Dr. Besant, which we are also following in the Besant Theosophical Schools of Adyar and Benares. The Olcott School receives a Government grant and interest on an endowment, but for the balance, amounting to Rs. 6,000, the School is entirely dependent on the generous support of friends. We always make ends meet, but very often it is difficult, and contributions are most gratefully welcomed.

### SCOUTING

The Besant Scouting Camp at Adyar have been doing yeoman service. Regular campers who use the site average about 2,500 annually, and there are large parties of Scouts almost every week-end, besides many visitors and sight-seers. The site has been improved during the year by the erection of a dining-hall and other rooms named after Seshammal, mother of Rukmini Devi; on the opening day we planted a grove of trees, which are growing



well and will give shade and beauty to the camping centre—they were planted by distinguished Madras citizens representing various youth organizations. This week (the last of December) we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Scouting in India, for it was in 1916-17 that Dr. Besant inaugurated an All-India movement of which our Hindustan Scout Association is today the natural development. The National Commissioner, Dr. Kunzru, and other high officials have already arrived in Madras to take part in that celebration.

## THE ADYAR GARDENS

Not only has Mr. Yagneswara Shastri greatly enhanced the beauty of the lawns and the gardens, but he is introducing many new varieties of trees and shrubs, which are giving our Adyar gardens the character of a botanic park containing unique specimens of Indian and certain oversea species of flora. The expense of this venture is to some extent met by the increased productivity of the cocoanut plantations and the casuarina groves.

## SUPPLEMENT

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS

Due to the war having spread to all the five continents enveloping country after country in its fiercely raging fire, it has not been possible to receive statistical details from many countries. For such countries figures of previous years have been mentioned. The figures for these countries will have to be corrected after the war when normal relations with these countries will be established.

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## ERRATA

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ROHIT MEHTA,  
Recording Secretary

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New Members	...	1,383	
Re-admissions	...	304	
			21,037
Deaths	...	235	
Resignation	...	297	
Removed from rolls	...	1,406	
			1,938
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Members in occupied countries (as per their last reports)	...		9,077

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1. The number of National Societies, Federations of Lodges and Non-Sectionalised Lodges remains the same *viz.*, 45, 5 and 8 respectively. As mentioned above with most of these countries communications have been suspended due to enemy action.
2. 15 New Charters have been issued during the year thus making the total of Charters issued so far 3,050.
3. Regarding total membership of The Theosophical Society it is difficult to say anything accurately. Unless definite information is received from all the countries membership figures should be considered only provisional. From the statistical chart,

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A perusal of the statistical chart will show that in spite of terrible war conditions and extraordinarily abnormal circumstances an ever increasing number of people have shown interest in Theosophy and quite a number have become members of The Theosophical Society. The storm and stress of present world conditions are turning more and more people to the great realities of life represented by Theosophy. It is gratifying to note that our workers in war stricken countries where The Theosophical Society is still able to function, have carried on the work most splendidly in the midst of terribly trying circumstances.

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Discrepancy	...	148
		<hr/> 19,099

## ABSTRACT

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ROHIT MEHTA.

Research Secretary

The number of National Societies in the Federation of Lodges and non-participating Lodges remains the same, viz., 55, 5 and 8 respectively. As mentioned above, with most of these countries communications have been suspended due to enemy action.

12 New Charters have been issued during the year thus making the total of Charters issued so far 1,050.

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Active members as per the last report prepared this year for 1940	...	19,350
New Members	...	1,503
Re-admissions	...	301
Deaths	...	21,057
Resignation	...	333
Removed from rolls	...	297
	...	1,406
	...	1,038
Total membership (excluding enemy-occupied countries) will be	...	19,099
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No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Incoming Members			Total	Outgoing	
			Admis- sion	Re-ad- mission	By Transfer		Resigna- tion	Death
1	U. S. of America ...	139	240	145	8	393	60	45
2	England ...	117	183	22	5	210	80	50
3	India ...	266	450	42	3	495	39	72
4	Australia ...	16	56	17	7	80	31	15
5	Sweden ...	19	17	—	—	17	—	3
6	New Zealand ...	16	87	21	—	108	17	15
7	Netherlands ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	France ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Italy ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Germany ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Cuba ...	28	58	3	—	61	3	1
12	Hungary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	Finland ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	Russia ...	12	11	—	—	11	1	—
15	Czechoslovakia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	South Africa ...	9	38	18	—	56	—	7
17	Scotland ...	25	20	—	3	23	—	6
18	Switzerland ...	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Belgium ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Ned. East Indies ...	27	47	14	—	61	24	7
21	Burma ...	10	6	—	—	6	—	—
22	Austria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Norway ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Denmark ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Ireland ...	9	6	2	—	8	3	1
26	Mexico ...	19	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Canada ...	13	9	7	1	17	1	4
28	Argentina ...	23	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Chile ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Brazil ...	17	51	—	—	51	1	2
31	Bulgaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Iceland ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Spain ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Portugal ...	8	6	—	—	6	22	1
35	Wales ...	12	5	1	3	9	3	4
36	Poland ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Uruguay ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Puerto Rico ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Rumania ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Jugoslavia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Ceylon ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
42	Greece ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Central America ...	15	28	11	—	39	—	2
44	Philippine Islands ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	Colombia ...	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	East Asia :							
	Shanghai Lodge	}	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Blavatsky Lodge							
	Manuk Lodge							
	Miroku Lodge							
2	Egypt ...	2	7	—	1	8	—	—
3	Paraguay ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Peru ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Canadian Federation...	7	11	—	5	16	4	—
1	Nairobi Lodge ...	1	5	—	—	5	4	—
2	Singapore Lodge ...	1	10	—	—	10	2	—
3	H. P. B. Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Selangor Lodge ...	1	8	—	—	8	—	—
5	Krishna Lodge ...	1	9	—	—	—	2	—
6	Narayana Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mombasa Lodge ...	1	8	—	—	—	—	—
8	St. Louis Lodge ...	1	6	—	—	—	—	—
9	Fellows-at-Large ...	—	1	1	1	3	—	—
	Total ...	871	1,383	304	37	1,701	297	235

Members		Total	Revised totals for 1940	Provisional totals for 1941	Revised Net gain or loss in 1940	Provisional Net gain or loss in 1941	Members in enemy occupied countries as per their last report
Removed from rolls	Transfer to other Sections						
489	40	634	3,385	3,144	-261	-241	
162	8	300	3,234	3,144	-61	-90	
332	—	443	4,255	4,307	+352	+52	
52	2	100	1,015	995	-46	-20	
9	—	12	306	311	-70	+5	
15	—	47	766	827	+9	+61	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1985 (1939)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2639 (1938)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	362 (1937)
29	—	33	666	694	-19	+28	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	166 (1939)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	588 (1940)
6	—	7	170	160	+6	-10	*
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	103 (1938)
35	9	51	388	357	+35	-31	*
6	1	13	372	382	-19	+10	
—	—	—	320	320	—	—	*
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	387 (1938)
19	—	50	1,056	1,067	-289	+11	
112	—	112	218	112	+20	-106	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	377 (1937)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	193 (1938)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	438 (1939)
2	—	6	79	81	—	+2	
—	—	—	332	417	—	+25	*
34	1	40	312	289	-3	-23	
—	—	—	428	307	—	-121	*
6	—	6	145	139	+5	-6	
30	—	33	320	338	-20	+18	*
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105 (1938)
—	—	—	145	145	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	510 (1935)
—	—	23	174	157	-2	-17	*
5	2	14	187	182	-19	-5	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	197 (1938)
—	—	—	71	71	—	—	*
—	—	—	101	101	-4	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190 (1939)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	378 (1940)
—	—	—	146	146	—	—	*
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	210 (1940)
32	—	34	186	191	+46	+5	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	189 (1940)
—	—	—	161	125	-84	-36	*
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60 (1940)
—	—	—	16	24	+9	+8	
—	1	1	9	8	—	-1	*
—	—	—	27	27	+7	—	*
22	5	31	157	164	—	-7	
—	—	4	22	23	+5	+1	
—	6	8	41	43	+2	+2	
1	—	1	8	7	—	-1	
—	2	2	12	18	+2	+6	
1	6	—	32	32	-2	—	
4	1	5	26	21	+2	-5	*
3	—	3	12	17	-2	+5	
—	—	—	34	40	+6	+6	
—	1	1	16	18	-1	+2	
1,406	85	2,014	19,350	18,951			9077

\* Figures not supplied. Previous year's figures are given.



# THE GROWTH OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

REVISED LIST OF CHARTERS ISSUED UP TO 1941

Year	Total at the end of the Year	Additions during the Year	Year	Total at the end of the Year	Additions during the Year
1878	1		1910	1200	84
1879	2	1	1911	1282	82
1880	11	9	1912	1358	76
1881	19	8	1913	1441	83
1882	46	27	1914	1520	79
1883	89	43	1915	1554	34
1884	99	10	1916	1618	64
1885	118	19	1917	1674	56
1886	131	13	1918	1724	100
1887	156	25	1919	1822	98
1888	169	13	1920	1923	1
1889	199	30	1921	2033	100
1890	235	36	1922	2133	100
1891	271	36	1923	2221	88
1892	300	29	1924	2331	105
1893	344	44	1925	2436	156
1894	386	42	1926	2592	91
1895	401	15	1927	2683	65
1896	425	24	1928	2748	65
1897	487	62	1929	2797	49
1898	526	39	1930	2825	28
1899	558	32	1931	2842	17
1900	595	37	1932	2843	1
1901	647	52	1933	2860	17
1902	704	57	1934	2889	29
1903	751	47	1935	2926	37
1904	800	49	1936	2944	18
1905	864	64	1937	2970	26
1906	913	49	1938	2997	27
1907	958	45	1939	3018	21
1908	1041	83	1940	3035	17
1909	1116	75	1941	3063	28

ROHIT MEHTA,

*Recording Secretary.*

6 June 1942



STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS  
FROM 1875 TO 1941 WITH INCREASE  
OR DECREASE DURING EACH YEAR

Year	Active Members	Increase or Decrease	Year	Active Members	Increase or Decrease
1875			1909	16898	1281
1876			1910	20356	3458
1877			1911	21464	1108
1878			1912	23140	2676
1879			1913	22744	—396
1880			1914	24575	1831
1881			1915	25696	1121
1882			1916	26820	1124
1883			1917	28673	1853
1884			1918	22879	—5794
1885			1919	33427	10548
1886			1920	36350	2923
1887			1921	40475	4125
1888			1922	39773	—702
1889	No accurate statistics compiled during these years.		1923	40996	1223
1890			1924	41892	896
1891			1925	41179	—713
1892			1926	43301	2122
1893			1927	44217	916
1894			1928	45098	881
1895			1929	41015	—4083
1896			1930	39311	—1704
1897			1931	36115	—3196
1898			1932	33267	—2848
1899			1933	30836	2431
1900			1934	29745	—1091
1901			1935	30317	572
1902			1936	29718	—599
1903			1937	29182	—536
1904			1938	28862	320
1905			1939	28105 <sup>1</sup>	—757
1906			1940	23644 <sup>1</sup>	—4461
1907	14863		1941	28176 <sup>2</sup>	4532
1908	15617	754			

<sup>1</sup> Approximate figures due to war.

<sup>2</sup> This includes 9077 members in enemy-occupied countries. The figures are taken from communications last received in this office from General Secretaries of these National Societies which are 18 in number.

12 June 1942

ROHIT MEHTA,  
Recording Secretary.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

### *To The President, The T.S.*

I wish to express on this occasion my gratitude to you for appointing me as the Treasurer on your re-election as President for a second term of Office. The post is one of responsibility and demands ability, tact and vigilance. I can only assure you that I shall do my best in the discharge of the duties of this Office. I have great pleasure in submitting the audited accounts of the T.S. and my report thereon.

The Main T.S. Income and Expenditure Account shows the following totals :

	Rs.
Income	1,21,317
Expenditure	1,28,328
Deficit	7,011

The various items of expenditure in the main T.S. Account are well within the budgetted figures except under the head "Olcott Cottage, Ooty". Prior to the selling away of Olcott Cottage, a sum of Rs. 2,285 was spent on Sanitary and Electrical Installations. This amount was not provided for in the

Budget. Although the property was sold away for Rs. 12,000 the transaction resulted in a loss of Rs. 1718-7-0. This amount is written off in the Income and Expenditure Account.

**Income :** Generally the Main T.S. Income compares favourably with the budgetted figures. Owing to the situation on account of the war, we did not anticipate a large flow of donations and Fees and Dues. Although Rs. 8,000 only was expected under the head "Fees and Dues" yet a sum of 14,400 was realized. Out of this a sum of Rs. 2,267-2-0 represents an adjustment from the Adyar Day Collections allocated by the President so as to put the several war-stricken Sections in Europe in good standing.

**Donations :** Again this year the U.S.A. has contributed very munificently for the Adyar Day Fund. The total amount received from the U.S. Adyar Day Committee was Rs. 31,571-2-6. A detailed list of donations for the Adyar Day received during the year is given below :



			Rs.	A.	P.
U.S. Adyar Day Committee	....	....	31,571	2	6
Southern Californian Lodges	....	....	843	12	2
The T.S. in New Zealand	....	....	198	15	4
The T.S. in Finland	....	....	48	6	10
The T.S. in Burma	...	....	75	0	0
Bombay T.S. Federation	....	....	51	0	0
The Canadian T. S. Federation	....	....	126	6	8
The T.S. in Switzerland	....	....	86	0	0
Others	...	....	303	13	10
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			33,304	9	4
Previous Year's Balance retained for allocation					
this year	....	....	6,225	3	11
			<hr/>		
			39,529	13	3
			<hr/>		

The following allocations were made out of the above collections:

			Rs.	A.	P.
Besant Theosophical School	....	....	7,500	0	0
Kalakshetra	...	....	2,000	0	0
Faithful Service Fund	....	....	5,000	0	0
Adyar Library	....	....	3,000	0	0
Good Standing Fund	...	....	3,000	0	0
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	....	....	2,800	0	0
Peace and Reconstruction Dept.	....	....	1,000	0	0
World Federation of Young Theosophists	....	....	1,000	0	0
Convention 1941	....	....	1,750	0	0
War Refugees in Adyar	....	....	2,000	0	0
Baby Welcome	....	....	300	0	0
Publicity	....	....	2,750	0	0
Miscellaneous and Sundry Allocations	....	....	3,400	0	0
Balance retained for the coming year	....	....	4,029	0	0
			<hr/>		
			39,529	0	0
			<hr/>		

About the middle of June last a sum of Rs. 30,000/- was invested in 3½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debentures and this will increase our income by way of interest to a certain extent. Generally the T.S. Budget contains only the Main T.S. Income and Ex-

penditure Account but last year, I understand, the departmental budget of income and expenditure accounts also were included in the main T. S. Budget and the deficit for all the accounts shown was the net figure of Rs. 17,090/-.

The deficit in the departments along with the deficit incurred in the Main T.S. Account for the year under report is given below :

	<i>Deficit</i> Rs.	<i>Surplus</i> Rs.
Main T.S.	.... 7,011	
Adyar Library	.... 1,857	
Bhojanasala	.... 1,636	
Leadbeater Chambers	.... 8,196	
Vasanta Press	.... 6,218	
Engineering Dept.	.... 447	
Laundry	.... 328	
Gardens (included in the Main T.S.)		
Dairy	.... ....	204
	<u>25,693</u>	<u>204</u>

(Net Deficit : Rs. 25,693 minus Rs. 204 = Rs. 25,489).

The total deficit for the year, it will be observed is Rs. 25,489 and it is Rs. 8,399 more than the anticipated deficit.

The departmental accounts are published separately and the losses sustained by the Departments are due partly to the charges of Administration and Rent which are shown in the Main T.S. Account

under income and to a certain extent owing to the decrease in the rental income on account of scarcity of foreign visitors.

The actual deficit expected for the T.S. Account including Garden Account as per the Budget eliminating the Departmental Figures was Rs. 17,270 as against which there has been only an actual deficit of Rs. 7,011. A comparative Statement is given hereunder :

	<i>Budgeted</i> Rs.	<i>Actuals</i> Rs.
Expenditure	.... 90,820	88,774
Income	.... 73,550	80,286
	<u>17,270</u>	<u>8,488</u>
Deficit	....	
Donations received (Rs. 41,030 less disbursements Rs. 39,553)	....	1,477
Actual deficit for the T.S. Income and Expenditure a/c.		<u>7,011</u>

This reduced deficit was made possible by considerably cutting short our expenditure on repairs to Buildings and other expenses and to a certain extent by increase in receipts in Fees and Dues as

compared with the estimated income under Fees and Dues.

The year under review has maintained the steady position of our finance as before inspite of war conditions. To a great extent, the

American Section has been responsible to lighten our financial burden and I mention this with grateful satisfaction and I hope this steady support will continue during the coming year.

Before I close the Report I wish to point out that we are now passing through very distressing and critical times. Owing to the present World War which has now extended to both the hemispheres, 9 sections ceased to function last year. 4 more Sections and about half a dozen non-sectionalised Lodges are affected. Naturally we can expect nothing by way of dues or donations from them. Even with regard to important Sections like, United States, Canada, England,

South Africa, Australia, etc., it is not known whether it will be possible to send money. It is not likely therefore that there will be as much inflow of funds as in the previous years and much cannot be expected by way of donations. I have, therefore, to make a special appeal to all members and Sections that the present need of the Society is great and that we should rise equal to the occasion and avail ourselves of the opportunity of showing our loyalty and devotion by substantial donations during the coming year.

K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

14-12-41

*Hon. Treasurer.*

Budgeted	Actuals
Rs.	Rs.
90,830	88,774
73,550	80,285
17,280	8,488
1,477	
2011	

Expenditure
Income
Deficit
Donations received (Rs. 41,030 less)
Disbursements (Rs. 32,555)
Actual deficit for the T.S.
Income and Expenditure a/c.

## FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1941

						Rs.	A.	P.
1.	The Theosophical Society in United States of America	...	...	...	...	4,268	12	10
2.	"	India	...	...	...	1,577	11	5
3.	"	England	...	...	...	1,991	9	9
4.	"	Canada	...	...	...	445	5	2
5.	"	South Africa	...	...	...	355	14	0
6.	"	Iceland	...	...	...	196	11	7
7.	"	New Zealand	...	...	...	343	6	4
8.	"	Australia	...	...	...	266	10	8
9.	"	Cuba	...	...	...	189	3	7
10.	"	Wales	...	...	...	99	13	0
11.	"	Finland	...	...	...	106	1	10
12.	"	Porto Rico	...	...	...	87	9	0
13.	"	Philippine Islands	...	...	...	38	6	9
14.	"	Uruguay	...	...	...	26	8	6
15.	"	Paraguay	...	...	...	13	4	2
16.	"	Switzerland	...	...	...	124	0	0
17.	"	Scotland	...	...	...	149	13	0
18.	"	Egypt	...	...	...	21	3	7
19.	"	Burma	...	...	...	30	0	0
20.	"	Chile	...	...	...	52	14	1
21.	"	Holland *	...	...	...	1,022	11	8
22.	"	France *	...	...	...	306	9	1
23.	"	Austria *	...	...	...	279	15	7
24.	"	Denmark *	...	...	...	105	11	4
25.	"	Norway *	...	...	...	95	11	2
26.	"	Poland *	...	...	...	10	1	0
27.	"	Belgium *	...	...	...	112	2	3
28.	"	Rumania *	...	...	...	89	1	1
29.	"	Hungary *	...	...	...	77	4	10
30.	"	Greece *	...	...	...	94	13	5
31.	"	Yugoslavia *	...	...	...	297	7	6
32.	"	Non-Sectionalised Lodges	...	...	...	1,523	2	5
						14,399	10	7

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S FUND

						Rs.	A.	P.
The T.S. in Scotland, £ 13-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	172	6	11
The T.S. in Wales, £ 4-14-3	...	...	...	...	...	62	7	11
The T.S. in England, £ 50-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	663	3	4
Contribution from Headquarters	...	...	...	...	...	6,600	0	0
Total						7,498	2	2

\* Adjusted from the Adyar Day Fund.



## THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

[illegible]

ADYAR

14th December 1941

K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.

Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.





## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1941

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>Lands and Buildings Account :</b>									
As per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	4,33,505	0	0			
Additions during the year	...	...	...	136	4	0			
				4,33,641	4	0			
Less depreciation	...	...	...	10,841	4	0			
Land in Sindh	...	...	...				4,22,800	0	0
							10,000	0	0
<b>Movable Properties Account :</b>									
Balance as per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	17,572	0	0			
Additions during the year	...	...	...	899	12	9			
				18,471	12	9			
Less depreciation	...	...	...	1,385	12	9			
							17,086	0	0
<b>Investments at Cost :</b>									
Rs. 20,600/- 3% Govt. of Madras Loan 1952	...	...	...	20,453	12	5			
Rs. 1,000/- 3½% G. P. Notes (1865)	...	...	...	510	0	0			
Rs. 5,000/- 3½% do. (1854-55)	...	...	...	4,956	4	0			
Rs. 44,100/- 3½% (1947-50) Bonds	...	...	...	44,639	2	0			
Rs. 1,13,400/- 4% (1960-70) "	...	...	...	1,12,116	5	3			
				1,82,675	7	8			
Rs. 1,000/- Madras Municipal Debentures...	...	...	...	1,056	9	0			
Rs. 50,000/- 3½% M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	50,000	0	0			
Rs. 17,000/- M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	17,605	9	4			
Rs. 25,000/- Interest Free Defence Bonds	...	...	...	25,000	0	0			
T.U.C.S. Ltd., Shares	...	...	...	67	14	4			
4% Funding Stock. 1960-90	...	...	...	1,36,988	14	2			
4½% India Stock. 1950-55	...	...	...	40,057	5	11			
4% India Stock. 1960-90	...	...	...	33,241	8	0			
							4,86,693	4	5
Rs. 300/- 3½% G. P. Notes 1865 (deposited by T.P.H.)	...	...	...				300	0	0
Interest accrued on Investments	...	...	...				4,553	1	8
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...				24,621	7	8
<b>SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS :</b>									
Adyar Library	...	...	...				85,862	14	0
Carried over							10,51,916	11	9





SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1941 (continued)

PROPERTY AND ASSETS			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount brought forward	...	...				10,51,916	11	9
<b>Engineering Department :</b>								
Electrical Installation less depreciation	...	...	21,872	0	0			
Tools less depreciation	...	...	1,287	15	8			
Stock on hand	...	...	12,738	6	11			
Works in Progress	...	...	2,593	0	4			
Security Deposit with M.E.S.C. Ltd.	...	...	500	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	100	0	0			
						39,091	6	11
<b>Vasanta Press :</b>								
Machinery and Plant less depreciation	...	...	16,878	0	0			
Types less depreciation	...	...	587	8	0			
Electric plant less depreciation	...	...	367	7	1			
Stock on hand	...	...	11,912	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	100	0	0			
						29,844	15	1
<b>Garden Department :</b>								
Casurina Development Account	...	...	1,559	4	8			
Stock on hand	...	...	48	4	0			
Bullock carts and tools	...	...	791	6	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	30	0	0			
						2,428	14	8
<b>Bhojanasala :</b>								
Stock on hand	...	...	2,112	0	0			
Vessels and tools	...	...	1,319	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	177	6	6			
						3,608	6	6
<b>Laundry :</b>								
Stock on hand	...	...	31	8	0			
Tools less depreciation	...	...	116	0	0			
Laundry equipment less depreciation	...	...	777	12	9			
Advance rent	...	...	6	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	50	0	0			
						981	4	9
<b>Leadbeater Chambers :</b>								
Income and expenditure account	...	...	7,155	3	7			
Kitchen Utensils, etc.	...	...	1,640	0	0			
Stock on hand	...	...	206	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	150	0	0			
						9,151	3	7
<b>Dairy :</b>								
Live Stock	...	...	1,662	0	0			
Tools and Implements	...	...	112	8	0			
Sundry Debtors	...	...	31	1	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	15	0	0			
						1,820	9	0
Cash on hand ...	...	...	3,385	8	0			
" with Imperial Bank of India, Mount Road, Madras	...	...	49,973	2	4			
" " Thos. Cook and Son (Bankers) Ltd. Madras	...	...	7,061	2	2			
" " Midland Bank, Ltd., London	...	...	5,643	14	11			
						66,063	11	5
						12,04,907	3	8

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## THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1941-'42

EXPENDITURE	Budget 1940-'41 Rs.	Actuals 1940-'41 Rs.	Budget 1941-'42 Rs.	INCOME	Budget 1940-'41 Rs.	Actuals 1940-'41 Rs.	Budget 1941-'42 Rs.
Establishment ...	8,400	7,553	8,500	Rent ...	24,000	23,788	24,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	10,050	7,131	10,000	Fees and Dues ...	8,000	14,065	8,000
Lighting and Water ...	3,000	2,261	3,000	Sanitation ...	800	964	800
Miscellaneous ...	3,000	2,552	3,400	Interest (Gross) ...	15,800	17,235	18,000
Watch and Ward ...	2,600	2,608	2,300	Administration Charges	9,000	9,372	9,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	2,500	2,359	2,500	Gardens ...	10,450	8,711	10,780
Printing and Stationery ...	2,000	1,784	2,000	Press Department ...		2,560	2,560
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,000	741	1,000	Publicity ...		1,900	1,900
Pensions ...	900	1,610	1,500				75,040
Welfare Grants ...	1,000	775	1,000	Special Departments:			
Taxes ...	500	473	500	Engineering Department		46,362	17,950
Sanitation ...	1,470	1,596	2,100	Laundry ...		4,671	4,000
Gardens ...	13,112	13,391	15,060	Bhojanasala ...		49,533	50,650
Interest payable on Funds...	9,500	9,260	9,500	Dairy ...		8,510	7,200
Press Department ...		2,560	2,600	Leadbeater Chambers...		7,614	12,600
Publicity ...		2,065	1,900	Vasanta Press ...		55,630	33,000
Contributions:				Adyar Library ...		14,156	14,200
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	Deficit to be covered by donations			21,220
Dispensary ...	600	800	800				
President's Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
Museum and Archives ...	200	76	300				
Depreciation ...	12,000	12,536	12,000				
Special Departments:			91,560				
Engineering Department...		46,809	15,860				
Laundry ...		5,009	4,300				
Bhojanasala ...		51,169	49,100				
Dairy ...		8,306	7,120				
Leadbeater Chambers ...		15,810	16,120				
Vasanta Press ...		61,848	35,600				
Adyar Library ...		16,007	16,200				
			2,35,860				2,35,860

K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

Honorary Treasurer.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES



## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Last year I prefaced my report with a statement of the growing realization in this country of the fact that the war was being fought to uphold principles, and that this country was getting a great programme under way to assist in defending those principles.

Today the danger that faces the whole world—in fact, the danger of a setback to the whole evolutionary process—is recognized, and America is committed to aiding the forces of righteousness not only through a programme of producing armaments and supplies at an ever-increasing tempo, but by whatever means may be necessary. While not yet technically in the war, America no longer hesitates at the prospect of war, and public opinion is now prepared to support whatever programme, whatever sacrifices may be necessary to insure the safety of the world through the defeat of rabid forces of aggression and attempted world conquest. It is under these conditions that The Theosophical Society in America approaches another year of activity.

Looking over my report of last year, I am moved first to deal further with those things foreshadowed then and since made effective. The course on practical Theosophy for the new student prepared at Adyar and presenting Theosophy in modern terms, based upon Dr. Arundale's volume *You*, has been furnished in looseleaf instalments to every new member, with an invitation to each to become a student and to submit for correspondence-comment the results of each lesson study. Such contacts have been made with 246 new members, of whom 61 (or 25%) have become students in some degree. One hundred and sixty-six written answers have been received and corrected and returned with comment and study-ad-

vice. Only a few have carried the studies to the end of the course. Most dropped the work early in the series of lessons, the average completed by each of the 61 students being less than three.

Our experience as to interest here is not unlike that with the work generally. Many join; a percentage show interest for a time, and only the few give themselves in wholehearted interest to The Society and see through to the end the work that it gives them opportunity to do. In the case of these new members, the course presented to them is an excellent one. The personal contact with each was of the most helpful and constructive nature.

The fact that it was not more productive of deeply interested students, I think can be attributed only to the fact that not many are yet prepared to think and live deeply, just as few who join our ranks are prepared to adopt a mode of thought and living a little beyond the easy and the orthodox. Yet of such must the real Theosophical Society ever be comprised, and the effort must be made constantly to make an increasing number of contacts out of which the few are self-selected for The Society's continued and future work.

Our membership statistics tell the same story. During the year 240 new members joined The Society; 145 members reinstated, but 489 became inactive, and these, with 60 resignations and deaths and transfers, caused a loss of 241, leaving us with 3,144 active members at the end of the year. The loss by inactivity maintains the almost unvarying ratio of approximately 13% of the last seven years, the lowest rate of loss in our National history.

Examining membership statistics of the whole International Society recently, I noticed that in the period of its



greatest growth it took over 80,000 new members to effect a net again of 25,000. This shows the extent to which members drop out, even in a period of substantial growth. There appears to be no answer to this problem, except a larger number of new members each year and therefore a larger number remaining faithful and interested in the principles The Society represents. The problem is much more difficult of solution in these days than in the past. Organizations of every type—those merely social and interest-serving as well as the altruistic, have for a number of years faced the problem of maintaining membership. Business and social clubs, Masonic and Fraternal and religious organizations all are confronted by it. Many have given up with the loss of substantial properties, overwhelmed with the economic problem or with the competition of other organizations.

When the world-wide nature of the problem is thus recognized we perhaps have reason for satisfaction that The Theosophical Society still stands intact and unshaken. We must not on that account, however, neglect to deal with the problem itself. We need new members. We need new means of getting them, and new means of keeping them. The old methods are still useful, but are less effective than in the past. Even our most experienced workers in the field, for the same amount of effort and money expended in advertising, cannot attract the audiences of years ago. Competition of organizations that have adopted and commercialized portions of our philosophy, the fact that the radio presents attractive home programmes of all types, cut into the audiences that would otherwise be ours. To this must be added the effect of the suburban movement. Statistics prove the tendency away from city dwelling (the population of Manhattan, for example, is decreasing). The better class of people move to the suburbs and even

to the country to avoid city conditions, and cannot be as easily induced frequently to attend lodge meetings in down-town areas. Yet, the maintenance of suburban lodges has been found possible only in rare instances.

During the year we have experimented with advertising in rural daily newspapers and in widely distributed weeklies, the advertisements being designed to attract the attention and interest of various types of people from the idealistic to the self-seeking. In no instance was the response in the least degree encouraging. We have in fact apparently proved that the work of spreading Theosophy cannot be carried out by any of the methods adopted for bulk sales purposes in the commercial world, but that we must reply upon the slower proven method of presenting the philosophy through the lives and works of members. This calls for more effective work by which the public may be drawn to our lodges to make contacts with Theosophists in whom Theosophy is a living experience.

We have had some success with a radio programme in the nature of a "Problems Club." A sample recording of a semi-dramatic programme based upon Dr. Arundale's proposal for a Theosophical problems club, was offered to each of our lodges for presentation to their local radio stations. Of those who undertook to interview the programme directors, a surprising number were successful in having the programme accepted. Too few of the lodges were enterprising enough to get behind the project. However, in a dozen cities the programme has been put on the air and in the majority of instances without charge for station time. The programme consists of a series of thirteen weekly episodes in which personal problems are discussed, with an opening and closing Theosophical announcement and each answering the problems presented from a Theosophical viewpoint and with reference to

Theosophy as frequently as a non-payment programme permits. We are now extending this radio effort through the presentation of a series of thirteen specially prepared talks by one of our members in a large city where we have a well organized lodge able to make the most of any accruing benefits to our work.

Publicity work in other directions include the placing of 393 books in various public libraries, army camps, naval bases, prisons, etc., and in the libraries of some of our lodges and with study groups. Besides these, and in addition to the 375 copies of "The War—and After," placed on the vessels of the U.S. Navy in the previous year, 510 copies were mailed to prominent individuals throughout the nation in legislative positions, peace movements, social welfare and political and educational associations, etc. For much of this work we are indebted to sponsorship and contributions by individual members.

Ten thousand pamphlets have been mailed to inquirers whose names have come to us through various channels. Additional non-member borrowers have been added to those using the National Library.

The *Introductory Correspondence Course in Theosophy* is being studied by a number of members under the direction of a correspondence teacher.

The lodge study course based on *The Laws of Manu* and prepared prior to the 1940 Convention was sent to all lodges in August, 1940. It is not possible to report how many lodges studied the course, but we do have evidence that at least 60 lodges did so. Many fine comments have been sent in by those using the course. In addition to the interest in the course itself, one result has been the increase in the sale of the basic book—*Manu*, by Motwani—108 copies being sold by the Press during the year, as against one copy in the previous year. The sales of Bhaga-

van Das' *The Science of Social Organization* tripled during the year.

The course in the *Art of Friendship*, discussed during the 1940 Convention, is now half completed, five sections having been distributed to the lodges. Although the first part of the course was not sent out until the middle of October, about twenty-five lodges and several isolated members are using it and many of them have written in high commendation of it. The remainder of the course is in preparation.

A study outline on the *History of The Theosophical Society* is in Preparation and is expected to be ready for the new season's work.

Numerous letters have been written to lodges in response to requests for aid in programme construction, study classes, etc., and to individual members about their studies.

During the year thirty-three pages were added to the *Handbook*, including the new section on Funeral Services.

In all these various ways Headquarters is aiding the spreading abroad of the teachings of Theosophy.

Besides these direct activities, the work in the field has been given all possible support. Miss Neff has visited and lectured and held members' meetings with thirty-nine lodges. Mr. Fred Werth has visited thirty-two lodges, some of them more than once, and has also visited four cities in which lodges do not exist. Part of this has been experimental to discover whether small and interested groups could be gathered together without expense of large scale advertising and full-fledged lecture presentation. It must be admitted that this does not seem to be possible, although classes have been formed in two cities by these less expensive procedures.

Besides these full time field workers, several made extensive part time tours. Miss Snodgrass visited all of the north-west and Pacific coast lodges. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Fritz Kunz and

Dr. Kuhn continued their valuable work in the large centres, and Miss Marie Mequillet visited most of the lodges in Ohio and some in Michigan and New York. Miss Anita Henkel called on a number of lodges from California to the East, and Miss Jean Glen-Walker also visited some.

While Miss Neff has left us for Australia, we shall add to our Field Staff throughout the next year our National Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, for whom tour arrangements are already in progress.

The lodges, too, have contributed in steadfast effort. There is no lack of devotion to the work anywhere, but there is impressed upon me the need in many places for more effective co-ordination and improved methods. We derive our best results and maintain high standards only in those places where there is not only devotion but practical knowledge of the best and most effective methods.

We therefore plan a campaign through bulletins and through the magazine to instruct and train in the procedural side of lodge work, confident that trial of the suggestions and cooperation on the part of lodge officers in training those who may succeed them will bring about two things: First, meetings more attractive to more members, thus adding to lodge attendance and interest; secondly, a greater benefit from public work and therefore more new members.

The Theosophical Press has carried on its important work of distributing books and literature through lodges and private purchasers and through commercial connections. Thirty-five thousand books and pamphlets have been distributed, not including those of the Publicity Department. Two small publications were undertaken during the year. This department printed for distribution 2,500 copies of *The Clarion Call of the Great*, compiled at Adyar. This distribution to every member was

made possible through the generosity of an individual member.

The work of the National Library has continued and with an increasing number of users, as already stated.

The To-Those-Who-Mourn Club, under the leadership of Mr. Wilfred H. Sigerson, has distributed over 15,000 copies of that valuable pamphlet. Co-operation in this activity is possible to all, including those least able to contribute to the work in its many other phases.

The Children's Department has been active in distributing its material in cooperation with the Mother's Advisory Group. That Group has issued a further series of its splendid bulletins.

The Olcott Foundation has received contributions in the departments of Lecture, Poetry, Short Story, Painting, and Music, and the committee of Judges has made awards for a Lecture, a Poem and a Short Story.

The Adyar Art Project committee has brought to a practical and very successful conclusion the project for presenting to Adyar an art piece representative of the Spirit of America. It is hoped to have the bronze for display before this Convention is concluded.

The refugee Fund has received during the year \$1,359.28 and has made disbursement through various European channels as they have opened to the aid of our brethren in Belgium, in France and in Poland. Other remittances will be made from time to time as channels insuring delivery become available.

The work on behalf of Theosophy for the blind has been efficiently carried on under the leadership of Mr. F. J. Baker, with the enthusiastic assistance of Mrs. Roy Snyder.

The Theosophical Order of Service, under Captain Ragan, has been active especially in some of its departments. This organization will make its own independent report.

I have suggested to Captain Ragan that the Society should provide for quantity distribution in the social halls and recreation rooms of all the army camps and in other ways to all of the defense forces of the United States a special pamphlet suitably presenting the truths of Theosophy.

The National Committee on Membership, under the Chairmanship of Miss Poutz, has continued its series of bulletins. This committee functions to develop a warmth of friendliness within each lodge and an attitude toward the public that will make the lodge home and lodge contacts attractive to non-members.

The Young Theosophists represent a vital department of our work. As they present themselves on our Convention programme they make it clear that they have a place wherever there is a lodge and it seems to me that in any lodge where that place is not provided for them and in an atmosphere wholly Theosophical in its friendliness that lodge is in danger. It is not so important that these young people shall presently develop into leaders in our lodges, though some will do that, but it is important that every lodge shall be permeated with the spirit of youth, no less than with the practical values of experience.

Financially the Society has prospered during the year. We now owe on our bonds but \$22,700, all of them in the hands of members thoroughly content with the dependability of interest payments and the proven safety of their investment. Our debt carries with it no anxiety on the part of our bond holders, or anything but the utmost good will toward us and therefore conveys nothing of that feeling which indebtedness and obligation often creates to the detriment of spiritual work.

Behind this success in finance, I believe there lies a vital principle. Some time ago the members of the

Society decided that a steadily deteriorating financial status must be faced and they voted to face it. In my judgment, they but invoked the Law of Sacrifice, inevitably bringing commensurate results. Failure on the part of our members to sacrifice is the only way by which the Society can fail. Sacrifices made by our members as a body and by their own choice will ever preserve the Society, as by sacrifice the universe is preserved. And as the application of the law in the field of finance has brought benefit to the Society, so will its application in the field of work add to our strength. As we have collectively contributed to a common sacrifice and are reaping the karma in the form of contributions from sources other than our own, so if we labour sacrificially, giving of our effort in the work of our lodges, shall we then also draw strength not our own to our work.

We cannot at this time and in these circumstances do other than dedicate ourselves still more deeply and more co-operatively to our purpose. The purpose of The Theosophical Society is to preserve and strengthen itself, by better and more effective work in the days immediately ahead that it may be strong and efficient when war is over and the problems of reconstruction are upon us. I believe it will be several years before the world will be free and democracy saved. Toil and sweat and perhaps tears and blood for its preservation will be our portion, too. We are as yet unaware of the demands which the saving of values closest to our hearts will make of us. We shall, however, meet them and in the sacrifice will create a better and more human democracy (for democracy itself must evolve) which could not be brought into being, nor could we partake of it except through sharing in the sacrifice by which it will be born. When that day presently comes, great human values will have been saved, great spiritual



values will have emerged, the world will be more recognizant of the importance of human character and of unchanging principles. The spiritual teachings about which it is today but casually concerned will become the accepted basis of human relationships.

It is toward readiness for that day, by building strongly and well in the present, that our work must be directed. The problems of today must be met and solved, but our vision must carry us beyond them for we are bearers of the torch of truth, by which alone liberty can be preserved and men as brothers can become truly free.

It was our joy during the course of the year to contribute votes favourable to the re-election of our International President, and thus to indicate the wholehearted support which we of the National Society accord to him and our appreciation for his services of the past seven years.

I send you in the name of the members of this National Society our cordial greetings and good wishes as we stand with you in our work of the future.

SIDNEY A. COOK,

*General Secretary.*

## ENGLAND

The Headquarters and Lecture Hall of the English Section still stand comparatively unaffected by the heavy air raids, although many houses adjoining 50, Gloucester Place have been destroyed or damaged by fire-bombs, and a large warehouse and store directly opposite Besant Hall was burnt out and subsequently demolished. A fire-bomb which came through the window of the Members' Room landed on a chair but failed to explode. It is a matter for congratulation that the buildings and library are still intact, thanks to the devotion and excellent work done by the caretakers, who have stood guard during the worst raids. On December 27, 1940, the explosion of a bomb in Gloucester Place shattered the windows of No. 50 and brought down several ceilings, but cleaning and repairs were carried through so quickly that the Shadow Convention—planned for December 29—took place as advertised without difficulty. It cannot be doubted that a very real protection has been afforded to the Headquarters here in London.

*The Shadow Convention* held on Sunday, December 29, 1940, was at-

tended by 105 people. This Convention was held with the object of establishing a link with the Annual Convention of the International Society which took place at Benares at Christmas time. There was a discussion in the morning on Reincarnation and Social Reconstruction, and in the afternoon Mr. Gale gave a public lecture on "Brotherhood: the Basis of Peace."

*Membership* has not been much affected by the war and continues to be fairly steady. There has been quite a noticeable increase in inquiries in the past few months, of which not a small percentage comes from younger people, and this is an encouraging sign. New membership figures to date compare very favourably with those of last year.

*White Lotus Day*, 1941, which marked the 50th anniversary of the passing of Madame Blavatsky, was in many ways exceptional. Besant Hall was the scene of a combined meeting of about 170 people of various Theosophical Societies and allied groups under the chairmanship of Mr. Christmas Humphreys, the founder and president of the Buddhist Lodge in England. Speakers included Mr. John



Watkins, who was personally acquainted with Madame Blavatsky, Mr. J. Kruisheer, the General Secretary of the Netherlands Section, Mr. J. W. Hamilton-Jones, a member of the English Section, the late Mr. Trevor Barker, who represented the Point Loma Theosophical Society, and the General Secretary of the English Section, who read a message from Miss Esther Bright.

**Headquarters Activities.**—Throughout the year the Sunday lectures have been held regularly, and that interest by the general public has not diminished, but is on the increase as shown by the attendance figures, which compare well with the figures of preceding years. Arrangements have been made for a full programme in the autumn of 1941, including Sunday lectures, lecturers' training course, a series of talks for students of the *Bhagavad Gita*, an introductory study class for inquirers, and also a *Secret Doctrine* study class. A series of talks on subjects relating to Peace and Reconstruction has also been arranged. This year people will be more accustomed to the blackout regulations, and probably this will affect attendance favourably.

Every day at noon a meditation group acts as a distributing centre of harmony. This doubtless has played some part in the preservation of Headquarters, which is one of the few outposts of Theosophy left in war-torn Europe. The London Federation has sponsored a series of Students' Talks on Saturday afternoons at 50, Gloucester Place. These are enthusiastically supported.

**Membership.**—The general shift of population and sudden overstrain has affected work in the Federations. We are, however, beginning to benefit from the scattering of our members, and nine new Centres have been opened, the responsible official in almost every case being an older worker who has recently been transferred to a new district. At the time of writing eight

Lodges and six Centres are actually closed. Many have curtailed their activities, but a few are working under improved conditions, and report increased audiences and membership. Three Lodges have taken new premises; and three have had to leave their old quarters owing to the effects of bombing, and are now meeting in private houses. On the whole the Section has been fortunate in escaping serious loss from enemy action, and in one or two cases the Lodge quarters have remained practically unhurt in the midst of a devastated area.

**Peace and Reconstruction.**—A committee, under Mr. Gale as chairman, was appointed by the National Council "to consider what should be the underlying spiritual principles in post-war reconstruction." A preliminary statement was prepared by the committee and circulated to the lodges for study and comment. It offered the following premises:

(1) One conscious Universal Spirit animates all expressions of life.

(2) The Universe reveals design and operates according to law.

(3) The aim of human evolution is to realize consciousness of Universal Life, and co-operation with Universal Law.

The replies have been summarised and will form the basis of a further statement by the Committee.

**Annual Convention 1941.**—This was held in Besant Hall from Saturday, May 31, to Monday, June 2, the presiding officer being Mr. J.B.S. Coats, the new General Secretary of the English Section. The keynote of the Convention was "The Immediate Task of The Theosophical Society," and addresses on the "Social Order" and similar subjects were given by prominent speakers. Mrs. Gardner gave a public lecture under the title of "Preparing to live in a New World," and the Blavatsky Lecture on "The Contribution of Theosophy to Freedom" was given by Miss E. W. Preston. In spite

of travelling difficulties and war work many members were present. Representatives from thirteen other Sections gave greetings on behalf of their countrymen and were warmly welcomed by the General Secretary.

Messages were received from the President and also from others who were unable to be present.

**Publicity.**—Publicity work has naturally been very much hampered by the disturbed and difficult circumstances of the whole country. The National Council in October 1940 agreed to continue the expenditure of The Society at the usual rate, in spite of war time uncertainties. This included the continued advertisement of free literature in various magazines, of London lectures, and the publication of certain pamphlets, etc., to keep the supply of literature up to standard. A new penny pamphlet: "Human Opportunities: the Law of Karma," compiled from various sources by Mrs. Gardner, has been widely circulated. In response to requests by several members that some lead be given for the use of the 9 p.m. moment of stillness in the B.B.C. programmes, when Big Ben strikes the hour, a short form of meditation was prepared and printed in postcard form.

A revised edition of "Has Life a Purpose?" has been made since the distribution of 30,000 copies of the free leaflet at the beginning of the war. This, with other suitable literature from many sources is steadily going out all over the country to H. M. Forces, through Lodges and Centres, to clubs, canteens and hospital libraries, and in answer to personal requests from men in the Services. Amongst others, we are much indebted to Mr. J. Kruisheer, who has given such tireless work to the Section during the period of his stay amongst us.

More letters than usual have been received asking for information about Theosophy. These come from inquirers all over the country, and the series of

free booklets is sent in reply. The propaganda (free) library has been re-organized and considerably improved, and is well used. The Publicity Department has also been very helpful in assisting the European Federation to issue the quarterly paper, "Theosophy in Action."

**Study Courses.**—Owing to enemy attacks and to blackout difficulties, evening study classes at Headquarters and at most of the evening meetings in the Federations were suspended during the winter months, yet a revised course on "The Laws of Manu," issued by the Study and Training Department, has been widely used throughout the Section. The "Introductory Study Course" issued by the Section is in constant demand, as well as a new course on "Reincarnation and Social Reconstruction." The Adyar correspondence course, "Theosophy at Work," is very popular.

**Finance.**—Mr. G. N. Stephenson, who was elected Treasurer in April 1940, gave careful attention to the Section's finances during the difficult period when invasion was expected, but unfortunately had to resign his office in December on taking up a commission in the Royal Air Force. Mr. J. B. S. Coats was asked by the Executive Committee to act as Treasurer *pro tem* and his appointment was confirmed by the National Council. On his election as General Secretary in April, 1941, Mr. Kingsley Bayley was appointed by the National Council to the office of Treasurer. Although a deficit of £1,000 was anticipated in 1940, we were fortunate in receiving £610 in legacies, and although a deficit of a similar amount is anticipated in 1941, we again have received a legacy of £605 to offset it. One of the more noteworthy features of the Section's finances has been the manner in which members have kept up their subscriptions as well as their donations, thus justifying the confidence of the National Council in its decision to maintain

expenditure on The Society's work as far as possible.

Following upon the National Savings Special Campaign "The Theosophical Society in England Savings Group" was formed at Headquarters. Thirty-three members joined and over £200 has been collected.

*The International Centre*, meeting at Headquarters was formed this year to enable foreign and English members who have contacts abroad to meet and discuss European problems in the light of Theosophy. Members in the provinces are kept in touch by correspondence.

Throughout the year the work of this Section has continued fairly steadily, the winter months presenting more difficulties than the summer on account of black-out restrictions and to no small extent the bombing which took place early in the year fairly regularly. In spite of this, however, attendance at meetings in London particularly has been extraordinarily good, and very many new people continue to come to the lectures and to inquire about Theosophy. Quite a large proportion of these are young, and not a few of them members of the Forces, so that it is true to say that the spirit of inquiry which definitely exists throughout the land, particularly among younger people, is finding its way to the Theosophical "inquire within" quite as much as to any other. We are just starting our work for the winter, and with nights drawing in again the black-out descends upon us with all its difficulties. Somehow, however, it does not seem as bad all this year as it has done before—probably because man can

adjust his existence to almost anything! It will be interesting to see whether the attendance at lectures in London keeps up to the high figure that we have been having recently. Probably it will, since the inquirers appear to be very genuine in their interest in nearly all cases. It is that life has become so serious for most people that when they set out to seek it is in no flippant mood, as it often has been in the past, but actuated by real desire for some explanation of all which seems to them so inexplicable at the present time.

In the country, facilities for our work are perhaps not so good as they are in London, but there, too, reports are most encouraging. It does really seem that a renewal of some sort is at work.

The magnificent spirit which has so upheld the people of this country through the last terrible two years, and which continues to uphold them, whether it be in the excitement of battle or in the seeming drudgery of a factory's daily round, has permeated every heart and shows itself everywhere in a magnificent understanding of the reality of comradeship under adversity and dawning comprehension that this comradeship is at all costs to be preserved after the war is won and never to be allowed to slip back into the old false divisions and misconceptions. This spirit is alive in The Society as well, and will bring in the coming months and years renewed strength for work in the Masters' Service.

JOHN COATS,

30 Sep. 1941

*General Secretary.*

## INDIA

Since I submitted my last report, we have had a really wonderful Convention at Benares in the new auditorium in the Shantikunj tank, with the new Bharata Samaj Temple behind

it. The foundation stone of this Temple was laid by Dr. Annie Besant in February 1926, a few weeks after that never-to-be-forgotten Golden Jubilee Convention of The Theosophical

Society. The seed of a great movement was put in the ground at Benares, but obviously the Himalayan weather that set in proved too cold, and the foundation-stone lay uncovered for a dozen years. A little summer came to Benares again with the Golden Jubilee of the Indian Section. The seed sprouted and Shrimati Rukmini Devi watered the plant on 23rd December 1940. She "dedicated and consecrated this beautiful little Temple, for the benefit of our Motherland and for the helping of the world." We water the plant every morning with the Congregational Hindu Puja initiated by Krishnaji in 1925, and if you come to Shantikunj at sunrise any day, you will hear the Vedic chant that has been ringing throughout the world from times immemorial. To help in getting the correct pronunciation of the *Mantras*, the Puja has been put into gramophone plates, and we are looking forward to the steady growth of what is certainly a new experiment in Hinduism.

On account of the war, practically no one could come to India from beyond the seas. The only exception was Brother Alphonso Tavera, who came from Colombia (South America) and sat down for his meals amongst us on the ground, Indian fashion, and what is more suprising, got up too without any help—a sight which you can see only in our Theosophical Society. I have no doubt, a great many others, who would have liked to come, were present with us in spirit, just as they were constantly in our own thoughts. Our hearts went out to those brave men and women, who are bearing the brunt of the battle, while we spent our time in trying to understand the problem and getting ready for our allotted part. So we celebrated the Jubilee of the Indian Section and had numerous lectures and addresses; but it was during the Dance Recitals which Shrimati Rukmini Devi gave in Benares for the first time, that

we all rose on our wings to the greatest heights. So we had a truly great Convention when the registration went up to 600 and quite 1500 attended the various lectures.

The President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, who had visited Bombay, Ahmedabad, and Bikaner before Christmas, spent a few days at Allahabad after the Convention, and after visiting Shantiniketan and resting for a few days in Kalimpong, went back to Adyar. After a few days at Ooty came the re-election of Dr. Arundale for a second term on 21st of June. They both again toured in Northern India, visiting Poona, Bombay, Baroda, Bhavnagar, Allahabad, Patna and Calcutta, where they did some lecturing, while Rukmini Devi gave her Dance Recitals as well. India ought to be grateful for having them both in India throughout the year.

We have had the privilege of having with us for the whole year our revered Brother C. Jinarajadasa, who visited Gudivada on his way from Benares to Adyar and opened the splendid Headquarters that has been gifted by our Bro. T.G. Krishnamurti. Mr. Jinarajadasa was able to visit Poona, Bombay, Baroda, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Surat and Amaraoti during March. Later on he spent some months in Bombay in war work, when he gave a series of lectures and held weekly classes. He also visited Karachi and Hyderabad (Sind) before returning to Adyar.

Our Brother N. Sri Ram, Bhikku Arya Asanga, Prof. D. D. Kanga from Adyar have also visited many places in India specially in the South and helped greatly in our work.

Thanks to a P.W.D. life I am accustomed to a good deal of knocking about, and so, I was able to visit fifty-one places which together with Benares made a complete pack of cards. I have no desire to start comparisons, but in the area visited by me Bombay with Gujerath was easily the Ace of



Diamonds with its very useful Workers' Camp. The Marathi Federation at Sangli graced by the Rajasaheb was the most influential gathering of the year, and the bouts with "rationalists" at Poona were very enlivening. The 190 meetings I had to address during the year gave me sufficient exercise. I am fully conscious of the great honour and privilege this brings me, and although I can say that I have done my best, I know that this is not enough. The more I go about the more I realise how the Soul of India is yet sleeping. I have begun to believe that what we mistake for *satva*—the calmness of a controlled mind in India—is no more than *Tamas*—mere Inertia—the refusal to think, and unwillingness to act.

Our Brother Rohit Mehta has toured a good deal and helped our work in India very greatly. I have been looking forward to handing over Benares to his able hands, but then he has been taken up by the President for his work at Adyar. While we all rejoice in his increasing sphere of usefulness, he will naturally not be able to devote as much time to India as he could in the past, and once again we come back to the great need of more workers. Who will respond?

Our Joint General Secretaries have also done a good deal of touring in their parts, and so have the various Federation Secretaries.

As I reported last year the tide has definitely turned in our favour, even as regards numbers. Every post brings in fresh applications, and not a day passes, when we do not get new blood.

**Benares Headquarters.**—The most important event of the year at Benares was the settlement of our differences with the Rishi Valley Trust, through the good offices of the President and Bro. Jinarajadasa by mutual give-and-take. We have agreed that:

(1) The Rishi Valley Trust are to transfer to the Indian Section all the property of the Girls' School in Kama-

cha, with the exception of one building (valued at Rs. 20,000).

(2) The Indian Section will in their turn pay them Rs. 25,000, in five years at the rate of Rs. 5,000 per year.

(3) The Rishi Valley Trust will continue to occupy the Girls' School (with the exception of a small room) on paying to the Indian Section the ground rent they used to pay, and Re. 1 per year till 1st May 1944, when they positively vacate the premises.

(4) All the Madanapalle properties to be handed over to the Theosophical Education Trust.

The first instalment of Rs. 5,000 was paid to them on 7th April 1941, and relevant documents were signed by all the three parties to the contract.

I must here express the gratitude of the Indian Section to our revered Vice-President, Sri Hirendranath Datta, for giving us Rs. 5,000 with which to pay the first instalment in addition to Rs. 1,000 which he gives every year. The President and Bro. Jinarajadasa have made themselves responsible for Rs. 5,000 each; but there is still the balance to be made up before we can look forward to being masters in our own house at Benares—to make the Headquarters compound safe for Theosophy.

The next important event in the compound is the new Bharata Samaj Temple on which we have spent so far Rs. 9,489-7-0. Out of this a sum of Rs. 2,646-7-0, including the amount collected by Mrs. Bhagwan Sahai has been raised during the last two years. Out of Rs. 5,500 entrusted to Mr. B. Sanjeeva Rao in 1928, the receipt of Rs. 2,200 was mentioned in the last report. After that a further sum of Rs. 800 was received in December 1940 and another Rs. 300 a few days ago. The total sum received so far is thus Rs. 3,300, balance still due being Rs. 2,200, which together with simple interest at three percent for all the years he has had the use of the money will



amount to Rs. 4,200. Against this I have so far borrowed Rs. 3,843 from the Indian Section, and I shall need another Rs. 1,200 or so to complete the work for the time being.

Thanks to our Brother Kewalram Dayaram, we have now started a separate Endowment fund for the Besant Theosophical School with his Rs. 5,000. This fund has to be increased to Rs. 15,000 before we can expect recognition for the Matriculation examination and then there is the annual deficit of about Rs. 5,000. The School owes a great debt of gratitude to our Bro. Mr. Arathoon who continues to give Rs. 50

per month for this work ; but we still need more money.

So goes on our work, and although I know better than any one how much yet remains to be done, well—that is the best we have been able to do so far. We need more workers, more extensive tours, more workers' camps, and all this means more sincerity, a keener sense of duty, and more money. In the course of the report I have had to appeal for funds in two or three places, and my only excuse is that someone has to do this unwelcome duty.

G. N. GOKHALE,

26-11-41

*General Secetary.*

## AUSTRALIA

The Section is composed of 16 active Lodges and 71 unattached members who are scattered over the Commonwealth. The small Lodge at Ballarat, Victoria, whose membership fell to six was dissolved, but all members have retained Section membership. The total membership is 995, the register showing a decrease of 20 for the period under review. The following analysis sets out the position to date.

### *Incoming*

New admission	56
Re-admission	17
Transfer from other Sections	7
	—
	80
	—

### *Outgoing*

Resignation	31
Death	15
Removal from rolls	52
Transfer to other Sections	2
	—
	100
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Taking into consideration the present world-wide conflict and the prevailing conditions generally, the above figures may be considered satisfactory. The death-roll for the year has again been high and largely comprised members of the older generation who had devoted their lives to the cause of Theosophy.

*Distinguished Visitors.*—Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa's visit during October 1940 was all too brief, nevertheless the work throughout the Section was strengthened considerably. Mr. Jinarājādāsa addressed Lodge members in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, but found it impossible to include Brisbane in his itinerary.

*Convention.*—Departing from the usual custom of holding the annual gathering alternately in Sydney and Melbourne, owing to these Centres being more conveniently situated for visiting delegates, Convention this year was held in Adelaide—the first time for thirty years. The experiment proved an outstanding success and will, we hope, be repeated. All meetings were well attended and a most friendly and enthusiastic spirit prevailed. During

Convention it was decided to open a fund to assist T.S. Victims of Bombing Raids in England. The sum of £75 Stg. was subsequently remitted to the General Secretary, T.S., London.

*Theosophy in Australia.*—The Section magazine was published with regularity throughout the year. Its high standard has been maintained and numerous articles have been reprinted from it in other Section journals. The Hon. Editor, Rt. Rev. Lawrence W. Burt, has endeavoured to shed light on world problems and his efforts in this direction have been greatly appreciated.

Broadcasting still continues to be a very important branch of the Section's activities in Sydney, and the best possible use is being made of the four 2GB weekly radio sessions controlled by the Section. Three sessions each week have been taken by T.S. members, delivering addresses on Straight Theosophy, and the fourth session has been allocated to movements engaged in humanitarian work. There are indications that these regular broadcasts are having

a mind-broadening effect on a segment of the Australian public.

*Presidential Election.*—In accordance with the Constitution, voting papers were supplied to all voter-members throughout the Section and notwithstanding that there was one nominee only for the Office of International President, sixty percent of the members unanimously recorded their votes in favour of Dr. Arundale's re-election. Members are not unmindful of his arduous task and appreciate his untiring devotion to the cause of Theosophy and the welfare of humanity.

*Conclusion.*—The world's greatest need is embodied in the First Object of the T.S. and we have every reason to be optimistic that this Society will continue to make a very definite contribution towards world reconstruction.

On behalf of the Australian Section I send you and Shrimati Rukmini Devi loyal and affectionate greetings.

RAY G. LITCHFIELD,

*General Secretary.*

## SWEDEN

Finding it impossible to send our annual report direct to Adyar, I am trying herewith to send it via America.

Our Theosophical work has been carried on as usual during the past year: 3 of our old members have died and 9 have lapsed; 17 new members have joined us, giving a total of 311 as against 306 last year. Our Lodges have carried on to the best of their ability, but the small and isolated Lodges have had the greatest difficulties. Some of them have had to close down. We have now 19 more or less active Lodges as against 23 last year.

The public lectures have been fairly well attended. In the autumn of last year, some translations from the Upanishads were issued as study papers. In

the spring, I myself led a study course on H.P.B.'s "Secret Doctrine." At Midsummer we had a 3 days' Convention at Viggbyholm, attended by about 40 people. It was a very successful convention.

As usual, our headquarters library has been used by both members and non-members. The bookshop is carrying on bravely, in spite of the difficulty of getting books from abroad. The Section magazine, *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, has been published regularly. Though it really comes under the next report, I might mention now that we had about 1700 extra copies printed of the October issue, for free distribution as a comparatively cheap form of publicity. Some of our members had a very busy

time collecting likely addresses, and we have already had some new subscribers as a result.

Our workers are few, but we try to keep our work vital, and to make it as universal as we can, as we think that will be the keynote of the coming age.

Finland is practically the only section we are now in touch with. The Finnish General Secretary has informed me that one of their oldest members, Dr. John Sonck, died on Sept. 26th 1941.

EVA G. FRANZEN,  
15-10-1941 *General Secretary.*

# NEW ZEALAND

There has been a further increase in membership this year, the register showing a gain of 61 members. The following analysis shows the position to date :

<i>Incoming</i>		
By New Admission	... 87	
„ Re-admission	... 21	
	—	108
<i>Outgoing</i>		
By Resignation	... 17	
„ Death	... 15	
„ Removal from the rolls	... 15	
	—	47
<i>Increase for year</i>	... 61	

*Miss Lilian Edger.*—Miss Lilian Edger, the first General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in New Zealand, passed away in Auckland on 21st July, 1941, at the age of 79 years, after a fine record of close on half a century of work for The Society. She was without doubt the best lecturer we have had in our Section, and The Society owes much to the early foundations she laid for the work generally. Colonel Olcott took her to India in 1897 and she worked there for some 40 years; she gave the Convention lectures at Adyar in 1897 and 1908, was Principal of the Girls' School of the Central Hindu College, Benares, for six years, won a special gold medal for the best contribution to Theosophical literature in 1898, and gave unwearied service

to India over a long period. Our Section honours her as an old worker.

*A Victory Convention.*—The 46th Annual Convention was held in Christchurch from December 26th 1940 to January 6th 1941. There was a large gathering of some 150 members. The keynote of the Convention was the Will to Victory. There was a sense of deep dedication; some magic touched all activities so that members returned to their Lodges with renewed confidence and deeper realisations.

*Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.*—The chief guest of the Convention was Mr. Geoffrey Hodson who came over from Australia in mid-December, 1940. He made a valuable and generous contribution during the Convention. Later he toured through the Lodges of the Section, everywhere with unprecedented success. The public in New Zealand has had a splendid opportunity of hearing the truths of Theosophy expounded in a clear and lucid manner, and there has been a distinct spread of Theosophical thought throughout the country in consequence. Fine addresses have been given by Mr. Hodson in some of the best schools and colleges of our country, and many outside societies have asked for his help and received it.

In April of this year, Mrs. Hodson came over from Sydney to make her home in Auckland and with her came Mrs. Poignant. They now have their home within the precincts of Vasanta

Community. A further tour is being arranged for Mr. Hodson for 1942.

*Theosophy in New Zealand.*—We have endeavoured to maintain a high standard in our Section journal which has been issued bi-monthly and sent free to all members. There is evidence that it is helping to unify our Section and is keeping members well informed both as regards matters pertaining to our own work and to those of the larger International Society.

*Presidential Election.*—The returns of our Section for the Presidential election showed a 78 percentage of members voting. Out of a total of 674 members eligible, 528 voted in favour of Dr. Arundale, and there was none against. We have valued several votes which have come from our boys serving with the forces overseas. They have written to say that though they know their votes will arrive too late to be counted, they wish to have the privilege of recording them.

*Theosophical Woman's Association.*—A new and important activity is The Theosophical Women's Association which promises to make a valuable contribution to the work of our country. There is inspiration in this movement: it is probably part of the general world move of womanhood towards the planning of a better age. The members of the Association aim to come out as *Theosophists* into women's movements in our country, with the message Theosophy has to give: to establish the foundations of a lasting peace by the relation of the truths of the Divine Science of the Ancient Wisdom to the problems of reconstruction: to raise the status of women and study their environment, and to take an interest in all that concerns the deeper welfare of our country. Many members of the Association are active in public life and have valuable contacts.

The Association has prepared a searching Questionnaire preparatory to the preparation of a Charter of Peace

for New Zealand, and has already contributed an answer to a Reconstruction Questionnaire sent out by the National Council of Women.

*Vasanta Garden School.*—Vasanta Garden School is conducting a very fine experiment in education with credit to the Principal, Miss B. Darroch, and honour to our Society in New Zealand. *Radiance* may be said to be the chief characteristic of the School: under the wise guidance and loving care of the teachers, the children grow and are happy as they learn. The School is subject to Government supervision and the Inspector this year reported as follows: "Since last inspection the roll of this school has increased . . . cultural subjects are well catered for, both music and art being well taught. In the classrooms a very cordial atmosphere is evident. By the methods of instruction being followed emphasis is laid on pupil activity and initiative is fostered. Oral response is free and willing, while there is a good work-spirit. Pupils are courteous."

*National Lecturer.*—Mr. Harry Banks was appointed National Lecturer for 1941 and he has done some fine work in the Section. He has followed Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in the larger Lodges, taking the inquirers' classes, giving public lectures, and maintaining the interest of the new members.

*Arundale Youth Lecture.*—Miss Elsie Clay of the Wellington Lodge had the honour of winning the first Arundale Youth Lecture. On the occasion of Annual Convention she read her essay, "Saga of Human Life," with a quiet dignity. The Section presented her with *The Theosophist* free for a year.

*War Work.*—Many of our young men are away on active service, and some have fought in Crete and in Greece. They are missed in our Lodges, but our Society is strengthened and honoured through their service in the great conflict.



The sum of £ 66-11-0 has been contributed to the War Distress Relief Fund for European Theosophists, but we have not yet received permission to transmit this money overseas.

Members individually are active in many of the war services and some Lodges have special afternoons for war work.

*Vasanta Arts Group.*—The Vasanta Arts Group meets monthly at Vasanta House in the Theosophical Community of which the School is the centre. Some prominent citizens, some from Art Societies, have given interesting addresses this year on New Zealand National Art, Pottery, Beauty, Art Appreciation and Music. This is a live Group and it does useful work.

*Miss J. G. Montgomery.*—The Section has been fortunate in gaining the services of Miss Montgomery who gave up a good business position in Christchurch to take over the work of Assistant General Secretary and Section Treasurer. Besides keeping the Section Office open on week days, Miss Montgomery gives valuable assistance in other ways, and as General Secretary, I must express my gratitude for all that she does to lighten the responsibilities of my office.

*Liaison Officer.*—We are well served from Adyar by our Liaison Officer,

Mr. J. L. Davidge, who keeps us in touch with news from Headquarters and send us interesting reports for our Section journal.

*Other Activities.*—The Round Table, The Ritual of the Mystic Star, and other activities have been well maintained throughout the year and have contributed in no small measure to the general success of the Section work.

*Conclusion.*—As General Secretary, I have made several tours visiting the Lodges, giving addresses to members, lecturing and speaking at outside movements. I would like to do honour to those members in the out of the way places whose devotion keeps the small Lodges active. They have many difficulties, but they face them well.

Looking back over the year's work, I feel that our Society in New Zealand has made some advance and that members are actively devoted to the work.

In conclusion, I send you, our President, loving greetings and express our happiness that you are here to lead us for a further period. To Rukmini Devi and Mr. Jinarajadasa and to all Adyar workers I send our love and gratitude.

E. HUNT,

3-10-1941

General Secretary.

## SOUTH AFRICA

In spite of war conditions, the work of The Theosophical Society in South Africa has been steady and progressive this past year. We have gained several new members.

Three small Lodges have felt it imperative to return their Charters, Lourenco Marques, Pietermaritzburg and Southern Cross near Cape Town, but in these times it is very difficult for small Lodges in isolated districts to keep going. If such Lodges are re-

gularly visited by a travelling lecturer they may keep alive, but here in South Africa there is only at present the General Secretary who can travel round, and the distances to be covered are immense.

However, the loss of these Lodges is partially offset by the excellent response which is increasingly coming from Rhodesia. Both in Salisbury and Bulawayo we now number many members, and I am hopeful that before very



long we shall once again have Lodges in these two important towns. One aspect of the work in Salisbury is the number of the Indian community there who have joined our ranks.

As for the four great centres of our work in South Africa, everything is shaping extremely well. Johannesburg Lodge has now topped the hundred mark, and Pretoria is not far behind. Pretoria has the advantage of a remarkable beautiful building which is now well known in the town, and has become quite an institution. There, more than in any other town in South Africa, members of the Afrikaner nationality attend our meetings, and many have become members. Quite often there the University Professors, and others of like renown, address or attend our meetings.

Johannesburg is more difficult to work in, but there are promising young members there. Durban has perhaps

the largest group of youthful members in South Africa. There the Lodge is again very happily placed in the town, and one feature of its work is the regular "morning teas" which are attended by interested people as well as members, and give many occasions for little talks and the borrowing of books. It also possesses a live and strong Round Table group.

Cape Town has now a youthful President, Mrs. Mitford-Barberton. Under her inspiring and charming leadership the Cape Town Lodge is very happy. Another very great help in our work here is the presence amongst us of Bishop John Cordes. He has a unique faculty for gathering round him, and inspiring, the young.

With warm and loyal greetings from all the workers in South Africa.

CLARA M. CODD,

*General Secretary.*

## SCOTLAND

Nowwithstanding the stress of war conditions, the work of the Section has been carried on with steadiness and perseverance.

**Membership.**—On May 1st 1940 there were 372 members on our roll. During the year ending 30th April 1941, 20 new members have joined The Society. Three have been transferred to us from the English Section, 6 have passed away, one transferred to the English Section, 6 suspended. This leaves our membership at 382, a net increase of 10.

**Publicity.**—There has been no new activity in this direction. Literature has been distributed by various Lodges and members.

Our one outstanding visitor was Mr. J. E. van Dissel, who visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, not for publicity purposes, but rather to get into touch with the members, and know something

of the work being done. We were all delighted with this visit. Mr. van Dissel left a very fine impression among all the members he met.

While no new activities have been instituted much has been done by individual effort.

**Eastern District.**—The lamp of Theosophy has been bravely kept alight by the Lodges and Members collectively and individually during this difficult period. Activities at Headquarters which lie wholly in the care of this district have been in no way reduced because of war conditions. Sunday lectures, weekly tea-talks, fortnightly astrological, and Secret Doctrine groups have maintained the interest of the members and the general public, and all report successful work. Visiting lecturers were of course difficult to

secure, but a warm welcome was extended not only to Mr. van Dissel but also to Miss Macmillan of Glasgow. Edinburgh Lodge reports of most its members engaged in outside activities, in many cases among members of the Services and Allied Forces. Social and Financial Reconstruction, and Justice along practical lines loom large on their work.

*Northern District.*—The Northern Conference was not held this year, so the Lodges in the North have not been in touch with each other as is usual; but the work goes on. Dundee Lodge has completed its 30th year.

*Western District.*—A work party consisting of members of the Lodges in the West have been active for the past 18 months and have supplied a large quantity of comforts to the Navy, Army and Air Force, and also to the Red Cross. The good work continues.

*Besant Memorial Library.*—The Library has been more active than for some time; 1460 volumes were given out. Very sincere gratitude is extended to all who have given gifts of books, magazines or money, also to the small group who help with the repairing of the books.

*Annual Convention.*—Our 30th Annual Convention was held in the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Glasgow. On the 4th and 5th May 1940 with Mr. C. Jinarajadasa as Convention President. It was a memorable event and left a very happy impression with all who were present. To Mr. Jinarajadasa as Chairman much of the success of the occasion was due and we are deeply grateful to him for his presence and help. A very good attendance of members (the largest for some years) also helped towards the feeling of unity which pervaded the whole proceedings. After the official business of the Convention was over Mr. Jinarajadasa spoke on the subject of "Does God care for Art?" and by way of a change began by asking ques-

tions of the audience, then summing up the answers and continuing with his own remarks. A Social gathering was held in the evening.

On Sunday afternoon a Question and Answer meeting was held. Our creature comforts were well catered for and a very pleasant and helpful Convention remains in our memories.

On Sunday evening Mr. Jinarajadasa spoke to a large audience on "The United States of the World."

On Monday the Ritual of the Mystic Star was performed for the first time in Scotland and to the public.

*English Convention and European Congress.*—Following the Scottish Convention I attended the English Convention and the European Congress held in London and presided over by Mr. Jinarajadasa. It was a wonderfully representative gathering in spite of the conditions under which it was held. Stress was laid on the need for becoming more European-minded and the getting away from the purely English outlook. All that stood in the way of unity must go, and a spirit of world consciousness be developed in every nation. I was glad to see so many of our Scottish members at this Congress and Convention.

Before closing this report I would like to express my thanks to all who have kept the work going at Headquarters in the Library and in the various activities here. Also to those in the outlying Lodges of our Society, where the work is in many ways more difficult, lacking the contact with other members and Lodges and feeling at times very isolated, especially as travel and contact is so difficult at the moment. To members and Lodges everywhere, I send my thanks and appreciation for work undertaken and faithfully done.

To all members of the National Council for their help and co-operation given freely, officially and unofficially I acknowledge my indebtedness, and

ask for their continued support which I am sure will still be extended to me.

Our Annual Convention was held June 7 and 8, 1941, and we had a very successful and happy time. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Sidney Ransom as our Convention President—his first time as such—and he brought with him his usual buoyancy and cheer and with it the welcome words of wisdom. The whole atmosphere was one of friendliness and unity. The attendance was very satisfactory and better than we had hoped for under present circumstances.

It was a time of re-dedication of ourselves to Those who stand behind The Theosophical Society, seeking while together to realize more clearly the Unity of Life, our oneness with each other, and all life. We return to our various districts refreshed and strengthened, and fired with an enthusiasm which will find its expression in work for The Society to which it is our great privilege to belong.

JEAN ALLAN,

*General Secretary.*

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## SWITZERLAND

The number of our member is stationary. This is due partly to the fact that the General Secretary of the Section is on military service since September 1939, and thus he cannot possibly give as many lectures or lessons as he used to do.

Also, owing to the general situation, we cannot any more receive foreign books, nor have the visit of foreign teachers, and our foreign correspondence has been reduced a great deal. We would specially wish our relations with our Liaison Officer in Adyar to be more regularly carried out; we can keep up a more or less steady correspondence with our friends in the occupied countries.

Generally speaking, the branches go on enthusiastically with their work, but the increasing unhappiness all round causes this activity to be directed more towards practical Theosophy (Order of Service) than towards study in the strict sense of the word. For more details on this activity, I refer to the report of the Chief Brother of the Order of Service, and to my own report to the general assembly, which were both published in the magazine of our Section at the beginning of the year.

Our Magazine has now the most efficient bond between our members, and we are striving to maintain it.

The growing of the Section is always hampered by financial questions and the small number of lecturers and helpers. Allow me to mention among these Dr. A. Kamensky, General Secretary of the Russian Theosophical Society outside Russia, who is always ready to give us her collaboration.

We thought it interesting to invite many spiritualistic groups to join in meditation on peace. These meetings took place in Geneva and were a great success. People who took part in them have often told us their impressions.

The General Secretary arranged in October 1940 a course for lecturers, where all problems of organisation and research were discussed. He is arranging another such course this year, and proposes to dwell more particularly on research about Reincarnation.

The rules of the Swiss Section stipulate that the General Secretary can in no case keep his office more than six years. Owing to the general political situation, the Section has not followed this rule, and the undersigned has been re-elected. However, as there

is actually a tendency to greater stability, he thinks that we must as soon as possible observe again strictly the rules, and, consequently, the Central Committee shall study again this question at the end of the year.

Because of our exceptional situation, our members have often had to help refugees, or to transmit news from one country to another, etc. Thus we know that.....of the T.S. of France, .....of the T.S. in Belgium are well at the moment of writing this, and, in spite of great material difficulties, they continue silently to hold our flag high.

When I think of all our friends, in occupied countries, an old tale comes to my mind: The inhabitants of Tipasa, in Algeria, had their tongues cut out by Humeric's order, because they would not renounce their faith. But—oh, miracle!—this did not prevent them from speaking. The same miracle is happening now: all our friends in occupied countries keep all their ideas, and, silently, fill the atmosphere with them by their thoughts.

We are still like a little island of peace in this tormented Europe.

Switzerland is a true paradise, whatever may be the little food difficulties that we are beginning to feel. But we are conscious of our privilege, and we ask all members of the T.S. to concentrate on us their thoughts of love, of concord and of peace, so that the blessing of the Masters can be poured out of this peaceful centre still existing.

We do not always do what is necessary for Their work. Our weaknesses are great and our will often deficient, but one thing has never changed, and that is our enthusiasm, our faith in our ideal, in our Masters, in our chiefs in Adyar. The help of many of our members for the edition of the magazine as well as for the Order of Service is magnificent. The Convention which we held in Locarno at Easter has been a splendid proof of this altruistic spirit of our members.

This brief report tends less to put *before you our position and its difficulties*, than to prove our attachment for you, and mine specially.

G. TRIPET,

12-7-1941

*General Secretary.*

## NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

The last year ended with 1056 active members. During the year 61 new members were enrolled, one had to be suspended, 23 resigned, 7 passed over, 19 have been removed from the rolls, leaving a total active membership of 1067. There are now 27 Lodges and 13 Centres.

*Convention.*—At the Easter convention at Djokjakarta the Section celebrated 40 years of Theosophical work in Java; "Unity," the keynote of the Convention was strongly supported by 212 members present. In these years of War it is heartening to know that all the different peoples of the Archipelago

are one in the fight for the freedom of Holland, and the return of H. M. the beloved Queen Wilhelmina to her home. There is much work done for the National education of the people; now that contact with Holland has been broken, youth may find different, and for Java new ways in education. The Archipelago stands alone for its own welfare, and for supplying the Dutch Government in London with money and goods for its warfare. The Section has made some very useful suggestions for the present and future of the peoples of the Archipelago under



the Crown of Orange. The Section is alive.

**General Remarks.**—The Section tries to strengthen the ties with Adyar; some Lodges had their Shadow Conventions for the Benares Convention in India, and in the Centre, Djoenggo, everybody did his very best.

The "Next Step" Campaign ended a year ago; and now begins the Campaign for "a Theosophic World" and for "Peace and Reconstruction." The work of the Theosophical Order of Service has been and will continue to be very profitable. A new installed Press Bureau will do its best. Work is going on!

The Semarang Lodge, where the Theosophical movement started 40 years ago, celebrated this remarkable fact with great enthusiasm and happiness throughout the whole Section.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa on his way to Adyar visited the Section in November 1940 during a very happy fortnight, strengthening our efforts to do something for the welfare of the World at large and of Java and Holland specially.

**Publicity** is under the good care of Mrs. Top of Bandoeng. In connection with the Campaigns she will distribute a great many "Next Step" and more recent pamphlets, in English, Dutch and Malay.

**Radio Lectures** have been given during the year in Malay and Javanese as usual, and for the first time a series of five lectures in Dutch on "Eastern Philosophy" by the General Secretary will be given. We are happy for these opportunities. The contract with the Government is a very appreciable one in this matter.

**Magazines Published.**—*Theosophie in Ned. Indie*. (Official monthly paper); *De Pionier* (Dutch Magazine); *Perisatoean Hidoep* (Malay); *Brahmavidya* (Malay and Javanese) and the *Corres-*

*pondence Letter* (a bimonthly letter of the General Secretary to the Section).

**The Theosophical Order of Service** has a monthly paper of its own, which is distributed as an annexe to the *Theosophie in Ned. Indie*. Under the leading of Mr. L. J. Polderman the Order attracts more attention, and we have succeeded in making new ties with Government Officials and others for new lines of work. In connection with the present situation an "Open Letter" has been offered to His Excellency the Minister of Colonies during his visit to Java by the leader of the Order in Java.

**Federation of Young Theosophists.**—This steadily developing organisation had its Convention also at Easter in Djokjakarta and many ties of friendship and work bind us more than ever. Its paper, *The Lotus*, is a well furnished monthly. It is a blessing to be among our Young Theosophists, who work well under their leader, Jean de Munck Mortier, aided very successfully by his wife.

**The Foundation "Ananda"** was founded in July 1941 for the study of Buddhism in Java and a small library on Boroboedoe has been started. A newspaper *Tisarana*, will assist this work (Dutch and Malay monthly) of which Mr. G. J. Ranneft in the leader.

**Other Activities.** In many places the *Ritual of the Mystic Star* is performed regularly and very well in Dutch as well as in Malay. People like it very much.

**The Order of the Round Table** works successfully in many places in Java.

**Educational Work** is going on as usual in many N. I. A. T. W. U. schools all over Java.

**Greetings.**—On behalf of our Section, allow me to convey to you and Rukmini Devi our dearest hope for your next visit to us in 1942, and of



our sincere feelings of love and devotion, especially our heartiest congratulations for your re-election as President which is a fact of greatest importance not only for our Section but for the whole Theosophical Society. We invoke

the highest blessings for you and the work.

MANGELAAR MEERTENS,

*General Secretary.*

September 1941

## BURMA

During the year the Section continued to do very useful work in spreading the "Message of Theosophy."

*Presidential Election.*—On behalf of the members of The Theosophical Society in Burma, I take this opportunity once again of congratulating Dr. G. S. Arundale on his re-election as the President of The Theosophical Society, and assuring him of our loyal co-operation in his efforts for World Reconstruction through Theosophy. I may add that I had the happy privilege of being present on the occasion of Dr. Arundale being installed as The President of the Society for a second term and congratulating him and presenting him the greetings of the Burma Theosophical Society.

*Adyar.*—We also send our loving and loyal greetings to Shrimati Rukmini Devi and to our revered leader, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, for their splendid services for the cause of Theosophy throughout the world.

*Membership.*—We have revised our membership lists and have transferred to the suspense list those who had not paid their dues for three consecutive years. 91 members were thus transferred and the present strength is 112 of whom 6 are new admissions.

*Lodges.*—The number of lodges remained the same, *viz.*, 12. The active lodges were: Olcott Lodge, Rangoon; Lotus Lodge, Mandalay; Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo; Youth Lodge, Rangoon; Vasanta Lodge (for Ladies), Rangoon.

*Annual Convention.*—The 29th Annual Convention was held on 16th and 17th November 1940 at Rangoon. On the first day, the General Secretary welcomed the delegates and read out greetings to the Convention. There was a discussion on the work in Burma, and a programme of work was drawn up. On the 17th, "The Foundation Day" was celebrated with Mr. D. A. Anklesaria in the chair. Mr. P. P. Vaidyanathan delivered a lecture on "Theosophy and Education," and Mrs. Meenakshi Raman, B.A., contributed a paper on "The Place of Women in The Theosophical Society." The Annual General Meeting was held in the evening when the new councillors and office-bearers were elected. In the evening there was the Annual Convention Dinner.

[*Lodge Activities.*—Here follow details of activities of the five Lodges abovementioned].

*Burma Federation of Young Theosophists.*—The annual report of the Federation shows a steady progress in the work. The Federation arranged for the reprint of three articles by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa on "The Three Vedantas" (1000 copies), "The Two Dhammas" (1000 copies), and "The Truth of Islam" (1000 copies) for distribution at the meetings.

*Other Centres.*—Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Assistant General Secretary, paid a visit to Prome and addressed a meeting on "Theosophy and the New Age." Our local members, Dr. R. Brahaspathi, and Mr. G. K. Sundara Sastri

are actively engaged in doing useful work in the Centre, and regular study classes are being held, the subjects being "The Path of Discipleship" and "The Upanishads."

U Hla Maung of Pyinmana continues his useful work, and U. San Mya of Taungdwingyi has done much by way of distribution of suitable Theosophical literature.

*The B. E. T. Schools.*—Our members on the Burma Educational Trust continue their usual interest in the working of the Schools. The Girls' School has now been raised to a High School, and the Trust has an ambitious programme of work before it. Our thanks are due to the members on the Trust for their service in the direction.

*Burma Humanitarian League.*—This institution has now been registered. Its work has expanded and its usefulness has been recognised in Burma. The entire work is practically done by T. S. members. Special mention must be made of Mr. P. V. Radhakrishnan, General Secretary, and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy. The League gave a reception to Mr. Jinarajadasa and requested him to accept the honour of a Patron of the League. Brother Raja accepted the patronage, and spoke on humanitarianism and stressed the need for tenderness towards the sub-human kingdoms.

*The Message of Theosophy.*—This journal was regularly published in a small form during the year, the cost having been met by a donation.

*Propaganda.*—The Section continued to do propaganda as usual during the year. More copies of "The Smaller Buddhist Catechism" were distributed to the Schools and other institutions. Pamphlets distributed during the year were 2000 copies of "Tenets of Theosophy," 2000 copies of "Mahamangala Sutta," and other Adyar pamphlets, and copies of "At the Feet of the Master" in English, Tamil and Burmese.

*Finance.* As our expenditure was limited, there was a small saving during the year.

*Section Land.*—Our Assistant General Secretary, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, and Treasurer, Mr. T. S. Ramanathan have done well in getting portions of this land leased out. The income is small, but it is satisfactory to note that the land is being put to some use.

*Theosophical Book Depot.*—Olcott Publishing House has done useful work in selling T. S. publications.

*International Convention.*—Mr. N. A. Naganathan, General Secretary, and Mr. R. A. Raman, represented Burma at the International Convention of the Society held at Benares. The General Secretary also stayed in Adyar for over three months during the year. All these visits have added further strength to the Society here, and our link with Adyar has become stronger.

*Mr. Jinarajadasa's Visit.*—The most outstanding event of the year was the inspiring visit of our leader, Mr. Jinarajadasa, to Burma. This was his third visit to this country, and it has given the Section additional encouragement and enthusiasm to work for Theosophy. The Section Council had passed a resolution inviting Brother Raja to visit Burma, but before this could reach him, a telegram from Brother Raja offering to spend a week with us on his way from Australia was received. This rare opportunity was seized by the members of the Society who immediately organised every detail for the success of the visit.

Brother Raja arrived on 4th December and was welcomed very heartily by the members at the Jetty. In the evening a reception was held at Olcott Lodge when a welcome address was read by the General Secretary and presented to him in a silver casket. Bouquets of welcome were offered by representatives of various Theosophical and allied institutions. Brother Raja in his reply gave a vivid account of his

recent tour in Europe, America and Australia, and gave an exposition of the ideals of Theosophy. His first public lecture on "The United States of the World" in the City Hall was presided over by the Hon'ble U Saw, the Premier of Burma, and was addressed to a large and enlightened audience.

On the 6th, the Reddiar High School was visited; and Mr. T. P. Krishnaswamy Iyer, Superintendent, the staff and the pupils gave him a warm welcome. In the same evening he addressed the University College Buddhist Association in the Dhama-yone on "Back to Lord Buddha," with U. Theing Maung, M.A., LL.B., Advocate-General in the chair. On Saturday morning, he gave a talk to members. In the evening, The Burma Humanitarian League gave him a reception at the Nanjee Hall, B. E. T. High School.

On the 8th December, Brother Raja once again addressed the members at the Lodge. Later in the evening a Social was held in his honour at the Nanjee Hall.

On the 9th December, the B. E. T. Schools gave him a wonderful reception. Mr. R. G. Aiyangar presided and Brother Raja addressed the pupils and advised them to develop more kindness than mere cleverness. He addressed and delivered another public lecture at the City Hall on "The Mental and Moral Struggle in the Individual and the way to Peace" with the Hon'ble Sir J. A. Maung Gyi, President of the Senate, in the chair.

On the 10th, Brother Raja addressed a meeting of the Rangoon Rotary Club on "Rotarians and Post-War World Reconstruction" at the Strand Hotel. In the evening he delivered a lecture on "Buddhism and World Peace" at

the Myoma National High School Hall. A message to Burma was then broadcast by Brother Raja. Later in the evening an entertainment of music and dance was arranged in the Nanjee Hall by the students of the B. E. T. Schools, and members of the Vasantha Youth Lodge. There was a crowded programme for the week but it was all a great success. The members of the Theosophical Society evinced keen interest and worked as one man to make Brother Raja's visit successful and happy.

*Conclusion.*—I have to record with great appreciation the services rendered by Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Assistant General Secretary, who in addition to his office work had to edit *The Message of Theosophy*, and Mr. T. S. Ramanathan, Treasurer, in carrying on the Section Office work.

The work of The Society is going on well, and we hope our members will realise the inestimable privilege of working with the trusted servants of the Masters and will do all they can in spreading the Message of Theosophy, and the Message of Love and Brotherhood which we want today.

On this occasion, we renew our invitation to our President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, to visit Burma in the near future, and we send our loving and affectionate greetings to them, and our revered leader, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and assure them our co-operation for the cause of Theosophy and for the service of Humanity.

May the Peace and Blessings of the Great Ones rest on The Theosophical Society.

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

15-11-1941

*General Secretary.*

## IRELAND

During the past year parts of Northern Ireland, especially Belfast, suffered savage bombing, with resulting great loss of life and property. Fortunately, our Lodge room in Belfast just escaped destruction, but some of our members lost their homes. Even neutral Eire was not spared, over thirty people being killed, with very considerable loss of property; Dublin and several places throughout the country getting numerous bombs, apparently as reminders of what would happen should we elect to abandon neutrality.

This neutrality still adds to the unhappy divisions in this country, as set out in my report for last year, and it will, I fear, postpone for a long time the contribution we all hope Ireland will one day make to world culture and Brotherhood.

The work of our Lodges has been carried on as usual, though lighting restrictions have hampered the work of our northern Lodges.

Our numbers have slightly improved, our total membership being 81 as compared with 79 last year. During the past year we listed 6 new members, re-admitted 2, but 3 members resigned, one died and 2 were dropped.

Owing to travel restrictions by the British authorities, our representative was not allowed to attend the Convention of The Theosophical Society in Europe held at Cardiff, nor the English Annual Convention and, of course, none of our members have been able to visit T. S. Lodges in Great Britain.

This has all added to the present isolation of the whole country.

We have recently been helped by a welcome visit from Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of the T. S. in Europe. He spent several weeks in Ireland, during which he visited all our lodges and met most of our members.

*The Ritual of the Mystic Star* continues to be worked in Dublin and attracts some members of the general public.

Our magazine, *Theosophy in Ireland*, continues to be appreciated by a small number of readers but the editor, Mrs. Hornidge, deserves more support from subscribers.

*The Theosophical Order of Service* continues active in Dublin and in Belfast, assisting the poor, whilst other members are active in canteen work for the troops, and some in organizing communal feeding centres in southern Ireland, which the very severe shortage of fuel and the grave unemployment have rendered necessary.

I am personally greatly indebted to my friend, Mr. P. Leslie Pielou, for his kind help in relieving me of a great deal of the clerical work attached to the office of General Secretary in Ireland.

The future looks black but we face it with confidence and devotion, believing in the ultimate triumph of The Good.

T. KENNEDY,

5-11-1941

General Secretary.

## ICELAND

The Theosophical work in Iceland, especially in Reykjavik, has been carried on successfully last year. We have 23 new members, and only 2 have resigned, both "dead members."

Every winter we have certain propaganda evenings, usually three in number. There are generally three lecturers each evening, and they speak not so much about "direct Theosophy" as



about what might be called the *spirit* of Theosophy. These propaganda evenings have proved successful.

In my opinion it is possible to propagate Theosophy in a subtle, indirect manner, and lead people, slowly but surely, towards the Theosophical outlook upon life, and perhaps this method suits best the Icelandic temperament.

The magazine *Gangleri* has been issued twice as usual, and the member of its subscribers is increasing.

Last spring I made a journey to the northern country, and lectured in the capital of that part of Iceland. The result was that the Lodge in the capital (Akureyri) enrolled 9 new members. Over the State Radio I have given some short lectures on various topics, and tried to infuse into them the spirit of Theosophy and eastern wisdom. These lectures are appreciated by the public.

At the last Convention I had the honour of being re-elected General Secretary of the T.S. in Iceland.

I think that if one is justified in talking about a special Icelandic Theosophy, then it might be named a *Metaphysical Theosophy*. And from my point of view it is first and foremost the metaphysical depth in Theosophy, which makes it such a splendid philosophy of life as it is, and to be a Theosophist means to be a *metaphysician* and live accordingly.

I use the opportunity to congratulate you, dear President, on being re-elected President of T.S. You have been a wise and liberal leader, and I know, that you will continue to be so.

GRETAR FELLS,

October 1941

General Secretary.

## WALES

**Nineteenth Annual Convention.**—Our Annual Convention was again held in Cardiff, November 9th and 10th, 1940 by the invitation of Cardiff Lodge, so facilities were provided in the Besant Hall at our National Headquarters.

In spite of greater difficulties of travelling, blackout problems and the general situation, forty-three members registered and the whole Convention passed off successfully in accordance with the programme arranged.

We are especially pleased to welcome three distinguished visitors: Mr. H.S.L. Polak, for many years National Treasurer of The Theosophical Society in England, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Europe, and Mr. J. Kruisheer, General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in the Netherlands. Mr. Polak, who presided, also gave two most

useful public lectures on 'Why Internationalism Must Come' and 'Eastern Scripture on Battle and Duty,' which proved of great interest to all who were able to attend. Mr. Kruisheer's lecture to members on "Evolution according to Biology and Theosophy" was of special value and was warmly appreciated by all. Mr. van Dissel gave an interesting outline of the position of Theosophy in Europe and took the chair on several occasions. The genial and sympathetic attitude of our three guests, their willingness to adapt themselves to the situation and their masterly exposition of the subject dealt with, won the sincere admiration of all concerned. They were cordially thanked for their unstinted services to Wales during their brief visit.

Cordial thanks were given to the Cardiff Lodge for receiving the Convention and helping to provide the social activities, and to Miss Banks, who



again carried out the detailed arrangements with great efficiency and devotion.

It was generally agreed that the Convention, although small in size, was unusually successful and that it was of no little service to our country and to the world in these difficult times.

*Eighteenth Congress.—The Theosophical Society in Europe.* We were very glad to have the privilege of welcoming the Congress of the European Federation, T. S., to Wales this year, under the Presidentship of Mr. Christopher Gale. The Congress had as its keynote. 'Towards a Better World.'

In spite of no small difficulties, cancellations and changes, the Congress was duly carried through according to programme at Easter in Cardiff, and was agreed by all to have been a marked success.

Problems of travel, national and civic duties, "bombing and blitzing," and other inconveniences made it impossible for many members to attend, but no less than 120 registered from 10 different countries, England, Scotland, Ireland, The Netherlands, Austria, Poland, France, Greece, Switzerland, and Wales, which constituted a splendid effort, and those who arranged to overcome the difficulties deserve our grateful thanks.

Many interesting lectures were given and meetings held, and important business was transacted. A full account of the proceedings can be read in "Theosophy in Action," dated June 17th, 1941.

*Greetings.*—The following message was received from the President: "Heartiest congratulations for your courage in holding Congress at Cardiff. Every such Theosophical gathering brings appreciably nearer the certain victory of good over evil. Theosophists throughout the world immensely heartened by the noble heroic stand taken by their brethren of many lands now living in Britain. Theosophy and the

Theosophical Society are thus served—a splendid omen for the future of the Masters' work.—ARUNDALE." (Adyar, April 10, 1941).

The following message was dispatched to H.M. The King at Buckingham Palace:

"The Eighteenth Congress of The Theosophical Society in Europe meeting in Wales, and representing many freedom-loving countries, desires to express its appreciation of the courtesy of your Government in affording hospitality for such meetings, and sends its respectful greetings to Your Majesties.—VAN DISSEL."

The following reply was received:

"Please convey to The Theosophical Society in Europe assembled at their 18th Congress the sincere thanks of the King for their kind message of good wishes.—PRIVATE SECRETARY."

To the President, Dr. Arundale, a cable was sent from the Congress reading:

"The European Federation Congress, meeting at Cardiff, sends most cordial and loyal greetings from 120 delegates and 10 countries.—VAN DISSEL."

Besides those already given by delegates, greetings and telegrams were also received from representatives in the following Sections: Finland, Sweden, Russia outside Russia, Switzerland, Portugal, Yugo-Slavia, Scotland Ireland, Java and the United States of America.

"Mirror Congresses" were being held, among other places, in Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal and Yugo-Slavia.

*Membership Report.*—The Membership, which on July 1st 1940 stood at 187 shows a nett loss for the year of 5.

*National Headquarters and Besant Hall.*—Following the relinquishment of the rooms by the resident caretakers last year the top floors have been reorganised, the Society having taken over the old "Rest Room," which has

been re-named the "Council Room," and is available for members as a reading room, for Committees, and for smaller meetings. The adjoining room is now used by the General Secretary as an office, and the rooms at the top are furnished as a "Refectory," where all meals are arranged.

The Hall and some of our rooms are now let regularly to the Fabian Society, Federal Union, National Union of Women Teachers and other organisations.

*National Treasurer*—Miss Ridler having been obliged to give up the National Treasurership owing to leaving Cardiff, Councillor R. G. Robinson consented to act for the remainder of the Society's year—1940-41. He then consented to stand as National Treasurer for the coming year and has since been officially elected.

*Presidential Election*—Dr. George S. Arundale was the only nominee for this position, and having served The Society so splendidly during the past seven years, there seemed little doubt as to his re-election. 76 members recorded their vote in favour and none against as far as Wales was concerned. We cabled him our fraternal greetings, heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for the coming seven years, and take this opportunity of assuring him of our loyal devotion and confidence in his guidance of the affairs of The Society during this critical period of the world's history.

*Red Letter Days*—Congratulations were conveyed to Cardiff Lodge on its Thirtieth Birthday. The Lodge was chartered on June 11th, 1911. Mr. William

Patrick was its first President, and Miss de Norman (now Mrs. Ensor) its first Secretary. Mr. Tyssul Davies (Newport), Mr. and Mrs. B. Howell (Cardiff), Mr. William Davies (Deri), and Mr. Peter Freeman (Penarth) were the other founding members. The Lodge continues its good work, and is looking forward to an energetic future.

*Finance*—Although our income from subscriptions and donations has remained stationary, the amount received from lettings and other sources has been increased and this has enabled us to meet our obligations.

Our expenses have been further increased this year by the additional costs of compulsory Fire Watching War Damage Insurance and the general increase in all costs.

We have received £25-17-11 from the Founders' Fund, which includes donations towards the Annie Besant Memorial Hall, for which we express our grateful thanks.

A seventh instalment has been paid off the Mortgage on Headquarters, and over a third of this has now been provided for.

*The World War*—Wales has expressed an enthusiastic and loyal adherence to the cause of freedom and justice, and though we have suffered severely from air attacks, our one-pointed and whole-hearted support for the cause of the Allies is stronger than ever. Our aim is the establishment of Justice between all nations and peoples. True Peace can only come when this has been accomplished.

PETER FREEMAN,

1-7-1941

*General Secretary.*

## URUGUAY

In Montevideo and some other cities in Uruguay during the year August 1940 to 1941 Lodges held

meetings each day of the week, which were attended by members and sympathisers. A number of these

sympathisers showed great interest and later became members.

*Public Meetings*—Among those held and open to the general public, were the Foundation Day, and White Lotus Day. Harmony Lodge made plans for the establishment of a Youth Lodge in December 1941. In commemoration of the anniversary of H.P.B.'s passing, four general meetings were held, with great success.

*Young Theosophists*—In March 1941 a group of Young Theosophists was formed for the purpose of training young people to take over the duties of the older members as time passes.

*The Official Journal* of the Section has appeared with regularity in spite of the increasing price of printing paper. It has been distributed to all libraries, principal newspapers, the

President of the Republic and all his Ministers, the Department of Education and a great number to the public in and outside the country.

*Library*—The principal Hall of the Section has a Library of over 2,000 volumes on Theosophy and Oriental Philosophy and Science.

Finally, a special meeting was held to cast votes for President of the T.S. and voting was almost unanimous for Dr. G. S. Arundale, as communicated to Adyar.

I wish to express my appreciation to the various young and old members of The Society who have helped to carry on the work in Uruguay during the past year.

JULIA A. DE LA GAMMA,

31-8-41

*General Secretary.*

## PUERTO RICO

The year just ended does not show any increase in membership. On the contrary, the old members are disappearing fast from the physical plane. We need new members, but evidently we have not struck the right note to interest them. These are unusual times and different methods must be tried. We have throughout this year given two radio programmes a month, 15 minute—periods, on one of the local stations in San Juan and comments are favourable. Following the previous years' programmes pre-

pared by Dr. Arundale, we have studied, Sunday after Sunday, the socio-economic problems of Peace and the Post-War period. We adopted the Round Table method so that all the members could participate, and explain their view point on all these subjects which are stirring on the mental plane. May Peace be restored promptly to the world.

A. J. PLARD,

26-8-41

*General Secretary.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA

Nothing remarkable has occurred, except that we have the pleasure of receiving a visit from two brothers, one from Nicaragua, Dr. Buitrago Diaz, a Magistrate of the Court of Justice in

Managua, who is also the President of the Lodge Pratibha in that place. He came to Costa Rica for health, but visited our Virya Lodge two or three times. The

other visitor is from El Salvador, Doña Ella Ruth Rostau, a member of the Teotl Lodge, who came to spend a year in this country. She is a very enthusiastic disciple of Mme. Blavatsky and since her arrival has tried to form a group of students of Theosophy who are now working regularly under her care. Some are T. S. Members and others are non-members. She has bought several books, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Isis Unveiled*, etc., for them to continue studying when she leaves. She is planning to go to Honduras to do the same thing there. I think that her work is very much needed in this Section, where most of the Lodges complain of lack of spirit in their members. We need more good lecturers to visit all the Lodges. Those whom we have are now working along other lines that are also very important: educational, social and political and where a much larger number of persons are being benefitted.

We are happy to note the re-election of our beloved Dr. Arundale, who with so much wisdom, love and understanding has guided the work of the T. S. during this period, so difficult and full of troubles. May he continue to guide us till we find the new Light that is soon coming to make clear our path!

In May the General Secretary of this Section was re-elected for two more years. She feels grateful to all the brothers who have appreciated what she has done in serving them in this post.

Actually this Section has 15 Lodges as follows:

Guatemala: Gnosis, Koot-hoomi, Krishnaji—29 members.

El Salvador: Teotl, Karma—35 members.

Honduras: Subirana—11 Members.

Nicaragua: Darlu, Eucaras, Prati-bha, Krishnamurti—38 members.

Costa Rica: Shakti, Sirio, Virya—57 members.

Panama: Panama, Luz—21 members.

Total of members: 191.

*Guatemala*—Gnosis Lodge continues working with enthusiasm although the number of members has not increased and has ceased publishing its magazine, *Simiente*, for a while. The President, Doña Alicia Barrios de Madriz has written a series of lectures to be studied by the assistants and discussed in the next meeting, assigning a member each time to give the complementary explanations about the subject. Koot-hoomi Lodge reports that the attendance of the outside people to their meetings is four or five times the number of the members, and that they are planning to organize a Theosophical School that works according to the Educational Laws of the Republic, but under the control of the Lodge.

*El Salvador*—Teotl Lodge reports that two new members were admitted. One of them, Doña María de Sellarés, a spaniard, Principal of the "Colegio de Señoritas" in San Salvador. A very intelligent and well cultivated person, wrote to me some time ago that due to some rivalries existing between the two Lodges she and her husband did not want to enter only one of them, but to work in both. I advised her to go into one and the husband into the other and try to make the work of both the Lodges more harmonious. They have done accordingly and now I hope the work will improve there.

*Panama*—Luz Lodge has more than doubled its membership. The number was nine and now is twenty-one, and even so they find the work is not so active as it ought to be. They are trying to improve their Library and to publish a magazine.

*Costa Rica*—Young Theosophists' Shakti Lodge studies alone and once or twice a month goes to Don Roberto Brenes Mesén to consult him on their doubts. It has only six members now and they are trying to get



another to have the required number for a Lodge. Rita Salazar de Azuola, who worked more to form this group and in whose house they always met, died on the 7th of August 1941. Now they will work in Virya Lodge's house. Virya Lodge has the poet Rogelio Sotela as its President now. His plan of work is as follows: for the first meeting each month, a lady is assigned to take charge of it. She chooses the kind of work she likes to do. This programme is varied and gives the members a chance of leadership that builds them for the future work. The other meetings are employed in the Theosophical teachings. We have had many visitors during the year, which fact proves that gradually we are becoming popular. An electric sign of the T.S. has been put on the frontage of the building, and this makes it very easy for strangers to find the Lodge. Besides the work of the Lodge, the Social Service Group has continued helping all the philanthropic centres in different ways. Also some of us form part of

the Group pro de Gaulle and are working for freedom and justice. Don Roberto Brenes Mesén is always leading through radio and the press the political and social movements. Jose B. Acuña as professor of the Escuela Normal and the University is working continually for the betterment of our country, and Rogelio Sotela continues his cultural campaign on the radio. In April a message of sympathy of this Lodge was sent to our brethren in England, and the General Secretary sent also one hundred dollars to relieve the refugee brethren injured by the war.

Kindly convey, dear Dr. Arundale, the cordial salutations of all the members of the T.S. in this Section to all the members assembled at Adyar in Convention. Wishing you abundance of inspiration to lead the Reconstruction of the World. Our loving greetings for you and Rukmini Devi.

LYDIA FERNANDEZ JIMENÉZ,

1-9-1941

*General Secretary.*





PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES  
AND NON-SECTIONALIZED LODGES



## EGYPT

During the year under review (1940-41) our activities show a small sign of awakening, at least in Cairo, although hampered by the war conditions and restrictions in which we are living; we have secured new rooms and our modest sphere of action is more alive.

We go quietly and slowly our way and we are happy to note from time to time that through our existence people are indirectly and unconsciously influenced by the ideals of Theosophy.

Although small, our improvement is noticeable, as we are able to hold comparatively two well attended weekly meetings of our Lodge: one for the French-speaking people and the other for the English-speaking members.

The new applications for membership sent during the last few months are also signs of our marked but slight progress.

We are also in touch with several members of the Imperial Forces in the Middle East who are either members of The Theosophical Society in the different parts of the Empire or sympathisers with the ideals of Theosophy, and we always do our best to help them to the utmost of our ability, whenever they come to us.

There is very little to report from the Alexandria Lodge as war regulations have restricted its activities more than in Cairo.

We pray that the horrors of this war may come to an early end and that for the true benefit and progress of the whole of our civilization the reconstruction work will be inspired by the ideals of brotherhood which are the very basis of the existence of our Society.

J. H. PÉREZ,

7-11-1941

*Presidential Agent.*

## THE MOMBASA LODGE

During the early months of the year under report blackout remained in force and meetings were difficult.

Of the eight members on roll, two were outside Mombasa. Of the remaining six members five were engaged in A. R. P. and other activities.

After the collapse of Italy, in the neighbouring territory blackout restrictions were relaxed, and the Lodge met weekly. By the end of the year "First Principles of Theosophy" was concluded.

The surprise, but much welcome, visit by Bro. C. Jinarajadasa on 10th and 11th September 1940 brought during the year nine more members and the number on roll reached seventeen.

All members entitled to vote, except one outside Mombasa, for the first time

took part in presidential election and voted for Dr. G. S. Arundale.

During the year opportunity was taken to distribute the following literature: (1) Leaflets on War by the President, (2) At the Feet of the Master, (3) Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, (4) What Theosophists Believe, (5) Truth Through Theosophy, (6) Next Step Booklets, (7) Theosophy in Every Day Life, (8) To The Members of The Theosophical Society, (9) Leaflets "A Theosophic World" and (10) Jivan Shuddhi and "Law of Karma" (both Gujarati by Bro H. K. Mehta of Bhavnagar).

Near the close of the year the undersigned was in correspondence with Mrs. E. M. Lavendar, our Publicity Officer at Adyar regarding the distribution of certain number of leaflets "A



Theosophic World" and "The Work of the T. S. in India" and it is hoped that the small scheme will be carried out.

*Old History of the Lodge.*—From an Old charter with the Nairobi Lodge it has been discovered that a Lodge was established at Mombasa in 1905 the charter bearing the signature of the President-Founder. The First president was honourable Mr. Abdul Rasul Allidina Visram, M. B. E. and the first secretary was Bro. Keshavlal Vajjnath Dwivedi (at present in India aged about 73 years). The Lodge worked till 1919 when it ceased to function as members dispersed. The Lodge had seven members and it appears the number never increased. However after its work ceased in Mombasa, one was established at Nairobi.

When honourable Mr. Abdul Rasul Allidina Visram died in 1923 his Books of Account showed that the combined charities of his father Mr. Allidina Visram and his own amounted to Rs. 70,00,000/- or Shs. 140,00,000/- in new currency or £ 7,00,000/- sterling. In 1920 he built a School in Mombasa at a cost of £ 50,000/- and handed it over to the Government. The school is called after his father's name "The Allidina Visram High School" where about 750 students receive education today.

Mr. Abdul Rasul A. Visram was the first chairman of the Reception Committee formed at the time of the First Session of the Eastern Africa Indian National Congress established in March 1914. He was elected chairman of the Reception Committee four times in succession and he retained that position till his death in 1923. The Eastern Africa Indian National Congress is the premier political organisation of the

Indian community in East Africa. He was member of the Legislative Council of Kenya and he was conferred the honour of M.B.E., the first Indian to have it in this country. He was highly respected both by the Government and the people.

Another Theosophist, Mr. Premji Ranchhoddas Thakker who was the first secretary of the Indian Association Mombasa by his will made in 1912 left all his estate now amounting to Shs. 40,000/- for charitable purposes.

Mr. Keshavlal Vajjnath Dwivedi of Umreth (Gujarat, India) who was the first secretary of the Lodge and who is one of the Trustees of the estate of Mr. Premji Ranchhoddas Thakker with the help and co-operation of other Theosophists established the Hindu Union in whose hall Bro. C. Jinarajadasa gave his first lecture on 11th September 1940 on "Theosophy and Unification of Mankind" and where the Local Lodge celebrated their first White Lotus Day before an audience of about 200 persons some time back without any knowledge as to the work of their brother Theosophists in the past.

Thus the tiny Lodge in Mombasa and its members have played a good part in the political, religious and social life of the country in the past.

The undersigned looks forward to the day when the words of Bro. C. Jinarajadasa after his visit to Mombasa "I am in hopes for this small Lodge" come true.

P. D. MASTER

25-3-42

*President.*

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

After reading through the reports of each of the Lodges of the Federation I find that they have carried on many similar activities. Each Lodge conducts either weekly or bi-weekly closed meetings for the members, and also has regular study classes for the instruction of interested inquirers.

For the most part there has been some increase in membership. There is, however, the case of the Victoria Lodge which seems to be in a rather bad way for want of an active leader around whom new life could move. So far the Federation has sent special lecturers to this Lodge, but nothing of value has come out of the effort. We hope that we may yet find a way of giving some further assistance which will bring a revival, and in the meantime all credit must be given to the old and elderly members who keep the torch burning to the best of their ability.

In the Fall of 1940, we had the advantage of the kindly and inspiring presence of Mr. L. W. Rogers who gave freely his time and ability to strengthen the work of all the Federation Lodges. As a result of his good work there has been an additional in-

crease in membership which will be noted in the next year's report.

In addition to sponsoring Mr. Rogers' visit to the Lodges, the Federation has published a quarterly magazine, and sent advertising and publicity pamphlets to the members of the Lodges.

I should mention an innovation which has been tried with a considerable degree of success by Hermes Lodge. It consists in making every other Sunday meeting into a social, and discussion meeting for the general public. The programme consists of music, poetry or readings from suitable and topical subjects Theosophically interpreted, refreshments and a question period when the public are invited to ask questions either relative to the previous week's lecture or dealing with Theosophy in general. The success of this experiment is in no small measure due to the excellent manner in which the evenings are handled by the President of the Lodge, Mr. A. J. Harrison.

J. T. S. MORRIS,

2-9-1941

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

## SHANGHAI LODGE

The activities of the Lodge consist of the Circulating Library and the regular meetings on all Thursdays. The Library is open to the public and offers a very valuable service under the untiring effort of Mrs. N. D. Babikova, who acts concurrently as the Room Steward. The meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month is open to members and friends, while meetings on the other Thursdays are devoted to study classes and talks by members. Meetings of the Executive Committee were called when necessary.

Social meetings were held occasionally, although not so often as compared with the previous years.

At the beginning of the current year, the Lodge had 26 members, but now has 17. This sharp decline is partly due to the evacuation of people from Shanghai and partly due to lack of new members. This is a serious problem and deserves special attention.

The President, Mrs. J. R. Ragi, left Shanghai in the beginning of 1941 for a sojourn in India and returned in May.

The Lodge was then left in charge of the Vice-President, Mrs. B. S. Jenkins, who, a short time after, also evacuated Shanghai for America. But the members managed to keep the Lodge going. Hostess, Mrs. H. B. Campbell left for America and so did Mr. Campbell. Mrs. N. Leuchtenberg, the hostess, tendered her resignation in the beginning of this year and thus the number of officers, which was ten at the beginning, was reduced to seven.

Since removing from its Jessfield site, the Lodge has been greatly handicapped

by the housing problem. At present it shares a room and entrance is made through an alleyway in the rear, which gives a very poor access to the public. Another handicap is the lack of lecturers towards publicity work, which partly accounts for the lack of new members. It is hoped that special efforts will be made by all members to remedy these conditions.

Y. Z. CHU,

21-6-1941

*Secretary.*

### MANUK LODGE, HONGKONG

One new member was admitted during the current year, 4 members have been transferred to the Shanghai Lodge and 2 to the Australian Lodges. One member sent his letter of resignation. The total membership is now 22.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th June 1940, the following members were elected officers :

President: Dr. A. Fung; Vice-President—Mr. A. Lebedeff; Secretary—Mrs. M. Lebedeff; Treasurer—Mr. K. C. Lau; Librarian—Mr. R. K. Laing; Committee—Mrs. M. Talati, Mr. M. Deb, Mr. D. O. Silver.

Owing to the resignation of Dr. A. Fung, the President, on the 1st April, 1941, Mr. A. Lebedeff carried on the duties as Acting President. In May, Mr. Y. S. Ung was co-opted to the Committee.

To the end of June 1941 (from the last annual general meeting) there were 71 meetings, 5 of which were public meetings, 52 study classes, 6 special meetings. There have also been 8 Committee meetings.

It was decided to suspend the usual weekly public lectures during this year owing to the difficulty in obtaining suitable lecturers in war time.

Still we were fortunate enough to have Rev. J. Hadaway with us during the end of November for a fortnight, who was passing through Hongkong on his way from Adyar to America.

Weekly study classes were held on Mondays throughout the year under review, except on public holidays.

During this year as well as during the last a special study class on Psychology was held at the East Asia Section Headquarters every Tuesday at 9 p.m. Mr. F. W. Rossini kindly agreed to deliver his most interesting lectures. Members and friends attended the lectures very regularly, the average attendance being about 15.

During April and May a special group started musical study, the meetings being held at the Headquarters every Tuesday at 8 p.m. The activity of this group was stopped during the hot season.

The Manuk Lodge voted for the second term of Dr. G. S. Arundale.

MRS. M. LEBEDEFF,

14-4-41

*Secretary.*

## KRISHNA LODGE, ZANZIBAR

I feel great pleasure in placing before you the full report of the activities of Krishna Lodge, T.S., Zanzibar for the year ending 31st October 1941.

We had 34 members on roll in the beginning of the year. Today we have 32. Five more applications for admission as F.T.S. have already been forwarded to Headquarters.

**Meetings**—Lodge Meetings were regularly held on every Friday and Sunday evenings at a fixed time, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Many non-members also attended several meetings.

On every Sunday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. a special class for lady members was regularly held when important Theosophical books and important articles from *Jyoti* were read and explained. Many other ladies also attended.

Every Sunday morning from 7.15 to 8.30 a.m., Bharat Samaj Nitya Puja-Vidhan was performed and each shloka of the Puja was explained.

A few special meetings were held on Tuesdays and Saturdays regularly for two months and the book *Is and Is to Be* was read and thoroughly explained on a philosophical basis by Bro. D. O. Acharya.

On the day of Vaishak Festival, a special meeting was held and "How and in what way the gracious ceremony is performed in Tibet" was explained by Bro. Jayant D. Shah, and a one-hour meditation programme was arranged.

A "Week of Remembrance and Self-Dedication" was arranged from July 12-11-1941

JAYANT D. SHAH,

Hon. Secretary.

## SINGAPORE LODGE

This year has been a fairly active and progressive one, in spite of the difficult world conditions.

29th to August 5th 1941. Altogether 17 members and 4 non-members participated. The programme was a great success.

Meditation Groups were also held on the Birthdays of Lord Sri Krishna and other great personages as well as on "Gita Jayanti Day."

Our enthusiastic members do not miss even a single opportunity of serving the public and the public institutions by sacrificing their time, energy and money.

Bro. M. M. Joshi, Bro. J. K. Trivedi, and Bro. D. O. Acharya had taken up the work of T. S. propaganda by explaining the *Ramayana* and *Srimat Bhagavad* philosophy.

Bro. D. O. Acharya has also started to read and explain the lives of Saints and other great Mahatmas and Founders of Religions on the philosophical basis at the house of Bro. V. H. Kapadia where many people gather to hear him.

A small Library is kept open for the members as well as well-wishers and nearly 150 books on Theosophy, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Isis Unveiled*, and many other important T.S. English books as well as nearly 100 Gujerati books on Theosophy have been presented by Bro. Dwarkadas Morarji. The Library has proved more and more useful to the members day by day and has also been an instrument for T.S. propaganda over here.

At the beginning of the year we had forty members. Today we have forty-three,



We have been able to hold regularly three meetings each week, a Study Class for Students, a Public Meeting consisting of Lectures and Symposia alternating with a Questions and Answers, Meeting, and a Members' Meeting. Also each month a Presidential Tea Party was held, and several functions to celebrate well-known Theosophical anniversaries, such as Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, the Wesak Anniversary, and the Birthdays of Mme. Blavatsky and Dr. Annie Besant.

The hall of the Lodge was used for the Ritual of the Mystic Star several times during the year. These Rituals have been performed with even greater beauty than before with the help of musical accompaniment in the form of singing with the piano.

The Children's Golden Chain Club, formed when Mr. Jinarājadāsa was in Singapore in December 1940, is meeting with greater success than anticipated. Meetings are held regularly each week, and to start the meeting most conscientiously the Golden Chain Invocation is recited in a little circle of children who very firmly concentrate in making "the Golden Chain of Love bright and strong." Christmas and Easter cards are drawn and coloured for the poor little sick children in Hospitals, and the evening is finished up with games chosen by the children themselves. The very latest activity is a Children's Play,

"Mary Jane's Party," which was performed most successfully on 28th October and 6th November of this year. The object of this Club is to make the children as happy as possible, and open up to the child the beautiful side of life, and to follow out and put into practice the words of the Golden Chain Invocation, to think pure and beautiful thoughts, speak pure and beautiful words and do pure and beautiful actions, and to be always kind and gentle to all creatures.

Under excellent Editorship, the *Malayan Theosophist* is continuing its good work of spreading Theosophy. Judging by the increasing demand for the magazine, we may say without any fear of exaggeration that the *Malayan Theosophist* is playing no little part in the spreading of Theosophical knowledge.

We are very fortunate in having as members of this Lodge, representatives of many races, creeds, castes and colours, due to Singapore being a completely cosmopolitan city, and more than ever before is noticeable the harmony and friendliness that surrounds our very mixed membership. Here do we really have the opportunity "to promote the spirit of Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without any distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour."

MARGARET FLINTER,

10-11-41

*Hon. Secretary.*

### SELANGOR LODGE

I am happy to report that this year shows a steady maintenance of enthusiasm in our old members, and an increase in the numbers of interested inquirers who visit the Lodge.

Throughout the year, there have been 37 members' meetings, eight lectures by members to which the public

were invited, one public lecture by Mr. Menon of the Singapore Lodge, and two special meetings at members' homes to commemorate Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. Our membership now numbers 24.

The Study Classes have been carried on at all members' meetings, the leaders

being Mrs. Siedlecka and Mr. Kandiah.

The Healing Meditation has been maintained at all members' meetings, and a record kept of the sufferers' names, and, as far as possible, of their progress. About sixty separate names have been mentioned, a large percentage of whom are now reported well or improved in health.

The Library has been enlarged to the extent of twenty-eight volumes. Many books have been lent free to members and visitors, and it is intended to present several books to library of the local Soldiers' Club, as some members of the Forces have shown themselves interested.

*Outside Activities*—A group of four members, Mr. and Mrs. Siedlecki, Miss Weinman and Mr. Bourlin (Singapore Lodge) have done excellent work towards establishing a group of the "Golden Chain Club" in Selangor, amongst the children in a refuge home for South Indians.

Mrs. I. C. Mackay, now transferred to Seremban, holds a weekly class for interested friends in her home. They have studied the First Correspondence Course, the First Step pamphlets, as well as selected extracts from other books; and two applications for membership of The Society and visiting membership of this Lodge have been received from members of this group.

*The Malayan Theosophist*, published by the Singapore Lodge, has accepted

several contributions by members of the Selangor Lodge. I should like to put on record my personal appreciation of the splendid work being done by its Editor, Mrs. Jane Clumeck, and her staff, and congratulate them on maintaining such a high standard.

The news of the re-election of Dr. Arundale as President of The Society, was welcomed with enthusiasm by the Selangor Lodge, and loyal congratulations were sent to him and Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

*Finance*—All members' dues and subscriptions are paid up to date, and a comfortable balance is with the Bank to carry us on into the New Year.

I have now come to the end of my term of office as President of the Selangor Lodge. Though our membership never seems to show much increase in actual numbers, with the constant comings and goings which are inevitable in this part of the world, attendance at meetings has been most regular, in spite of war-time activities, such as A. R. P., etc. There is, I feel, a real devotion, strength of purpose, and loyalty in this little group, and I consider it a very precious privilege to have been able to belong to it for so long.

ELWIN HUGHES,

*President.*

9-10-1941



THE ADYAR LIBRARY  
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES





# THE ADYAR LIBRARY STAFF

1940—1941

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<i>Research Assistant :</i>	K. Madhava Krishna Sarma, M.O.L. (on other duty)
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	T. S. Balakrishnan
	K. Jambulingam
	N. Dakshinamurti (Till 17-6-41)
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	T. P. Arunachalam
	G. L. Sriramulu
	C. Rajabather (from 7-4-41)
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## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940—41

## I

**Staff.**—During the period under review I have continued as Director with Bhikshu Arya Asanga as Joint Director and Curator for the Western Section and Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.) as Curator for the Eastern Section. The Library continues to retain the valuable services of Miss Gertrude Watkin as Librarian. Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T., returned to duty with effect from 1st October 1940. As Paṇḍit Seshadri Sarma retired from 10-9-40, Mr. Madhava Krishna Sarma was made Senior Assistant, Eastern Section with the designation of Research Assistant doing duty in the Cataloguing Section. Mr. Narahari, M.A., was deputed as Research Assistant, to assist Bhikshu Arya Asanga in preparing and bringing out a catalogue of the printed books in the Western Section of the Library.

**Special Editors.**—It is with deep regret that I have to record the great loss which the Library has sustained by the passing away of Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastriyar of Tanjore on 26-10-41. The loss is not replaceable and the Saṅgīta works which had been projected for the Library will have to wait till a suitable substitute could be found.

Paṇḍit N. Aiyaswami Sastri continues to carry on his Research work in Buddhistic and Tibetan studies. The papers prepared by him are being serially published in the Library *Bulletin*.

Vaidyaratna Paṇḍit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar has almost completed his critical edition of the *Pāñcarātrarakṣā* of Sri Vedānta Desika. He has been ably helped in the work by his Colleague Sri T. Venugopalachariyar. The *Jīvā-*

*nandanam* of Ānandarāyamakhin to which he is contributing a valuable commentary is also proceeding.

## EASTERN SECTION

Mr. Madhava Krishna Sarma M.O.L., has been mainly engaged in continuing the preparation and publication of the first volume of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS in the Library. Over 25 forms have been printed during the period under review. A comparative statement of his work is shown under *Annexure I-A* along with corresponding figures for the two preceding years.

On the retirement of Paṇḍit Seshadri Sarma, Paṇḍit V. Narayanaswami Sastri was promoted to the place of Senior Paṇḍit. He continues to be in charge of the work done by Paṇḍit Seshadri Sarma such as the registration of Books, preparation of card indexes, selection of books for binding, working references for the office, preparation and cancellation of loan-slips for manuscripts, preparation of lists of MSS. for restoration and copying and other related topics. *Annexure I-B* contains an analysis of the work of this Paṇḍit. Mr. Ramachandra Sarma, who was absorbed in the staff of the Library on a temporary footing, was made permanent as Paṇḍit-Copyist. His main work is the preparation, under guidance, of press copies of proposed publications, correction of proofs, copying of manuscripts needed for the Library and such other duties as are assigned to him from time to time. He was working under the immediate direction of the late Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri until his passing away. A statement of the work of Paṇḍit Ramachandra Sarma will be found in *Annexure I-C*.

The Paṇḍit scribe Mr. Ramachandra Bhatt has been steadily at work and has been copying MSS for the Library.

Among the Attenders Sri N. Dakshinamurti left the service of the Library with effect from 18-6-41. Sri C. Rajabather was appointed to assist in the office as typist attender from 7-4-41. Sri. M. A. Nagarajan was appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sri Dakshinamurti, but he subsequently left after three months stay, resigning with effect from 9-9-41. In the vacancy thus caused, Sri. C. S. Panchapakesan was appointed as attender from 25-9-41.

## II

**Publications.**—It is gratifying to note that the Library has been able to make substantial additions to its series of publications even under the present difficult conditions.

(a) The following works were taken up for publication in addition to those running serially through the *Bulletin*.

1. *Usāṇiruddho* of Rāma Pāṇivāda edited by Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil (Oxon). The work is now almost ready and will be issued shortly.

2. *The Vedānta-Paribhāṣā* of Dharmarājadhvarī with English translation by Prof. S. S. Suryanarayana Sastri, M.A., B. Sc. (Oxon.), Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Madras.

3. *Some Concepts of Alankāra Śāstra* by Dr. V. Raghavan, M.A., Ph. D., University of Madras.

4. *Caturdasalakṣaṇī* with five commentaries-edited by Paṇḍit N. Santanam Aiyar.

A few forms of this work have already been printed. It is hoped to complete the first volume of this work by the beginning of August 1942, so as to make it available to the students of the Śiromani Course, for the next academic year.

5. *A Catalogue of Books in the the Adyar Library*, Western Section Part I prepared under the direction of Bhikshu Arya Asanga, Jt. Director, Adyar Library.

### (b) Works Completed :

The following six items were completed and issued during the year.

1. *Sāmānya Vedānta Upaniṣads*—Translated into English by T.R. Srinivasa Aiyangar, B.A., L.T., and Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, F.T.S., 1941.

2. *Bhagavadgītārthaprakāśikā*—of Upaniṣad Brahmayogin (Samskṛt). Edited by the Paṇḍits of the Adyar Library with an Introduction by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), 1941.

*Sāmaveda-Samhitā*—with the commentaries of Mādhava and Bharatasvāmin. Edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), 1941.

4. *Rāja Dharma*—(Dewan Bahadur K. Krishnaswami Rao Lectures, 1938, University of Madras) by Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, M.A., 1941.

5. *Varivasyārahasyam*—of Bhāsurānandanātha (2nd Edition) by Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, F.T.S. (with English Translation), 1941.

6. *The Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. IV, Part 4 and Vol. V. Parts 1, 2 and 3.

### (c) Works in Progress through the Bulletin :

1. *Samgītaratnākara*—with the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla—Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, F.T.S., and English Translation by Vaidyaratna G. Srinivasa Murti, B.A., B.L., M.B. & C.M. Vol. I, 1941.

2. *Āsvalāyanagr̥hya-Sūtra*—with Devasvāmi Bhāṣya. Edited by Swami Ravi Tirtha.

3. *Āsvalāyanagr̥hya-Sūtra*—(Bhāṣya of Devasvami). Translated into English by A.N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T., Jt. Editor, *Brahmavidyā*, Adyar Library.



4. *Jīvānandanam of Ānandarāya-makhi*—with a Commentary by Vaidyaratna Paṇḍit. M. Duraiswami Aiyangar. Edited by Vaidyaratna G. Srinivasa Murti, B.A., B.L., M.B. & C. M., and Vaidyaratna Paṇḍit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar.

5. *S'rī Pāñcarātra Rakṣā*—of S'rī Vedānta Desika—Edited by Vaidyaratna Paṇḍit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar and Vedānta S'iromani T. Venugopalacharya.

6. *Ālambanaparīkṣā 'and Vṛtti*—By Dinnāga with the Commentary of Dharmapāla. Edited by Paṇḍit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

7. *Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣads*—Translated into English by T.R. Srinivasa Aiyangar, B.A., L.T., and Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, F.T.S.

8. *Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayanācārya*—Translated into English by Swami Ravi Tirtha.

9. *The Āpastambasmṛti*—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T., Adyar Library.

10. *The Acyutarāyābhyaṣayam*—of Rājanātha Diṇḍima, Sargas 7 to 12 by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T., Adyar Library.

A new feature introduced into the *Bulletin* from the February issue of 1941 was the acceptance for publication of select articles of research scholars. The Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras circle, was kind enough to permit Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar to publish two unpublished inscriptions from Mullandram and these were published in the May issue for 1941. I have great pleasure in conveying our grateful thanks to Sri. Rao Bahadur C. R. Krishnamacharlu, the Superintendent.

#### THE ANCIENT INDIAN CIVILIZATION SERIES

In the last report, I had to point out that the scheme of publication envisaged had to be postponed. Since

then, conditions have steadily worsened and the international situation has not cleared to warrant a resumption of the series. Nevertheless, the steady flow of enquiry, at what stage we have kept the series, has strengthened our resolve to take up the scheme at the earliest favourable opportunity when the international situation creates a favourable atmosphere.

### III

*Books and Manuscripts*—The total number of books added during the year in the Western Section is 995 and 301 pamphlets. In the Eastern Section the number of books increased by 449. Twenty-seven MSS. were transcribed and twenty-two MSS. of the Library were restored from their damaged originals. Two MSS. were donated by Dr. J. H. Cousins as perpetual loan to the Library. An analytical statement of the additions to both the sections of the Library are given below. The Principal donors were :

	Books Pamphlets	
Dr. G. S. Arundale	17	27
C. Jinarajadasa	519	147
<i>Bulletins</i>	26	
Bhikshu Arya Asanga	30	1
Mr. and Mrs. Chase	23	
Executors of Mr. P. R. Green	152	
Madame Spruitenberg	41	
Govt. Oriental Library, Madras	22	
Miscellaneous	117	
Purchased	48	

Our grateful thanks are conveyed to each one of the donors. *Annexure No. II* gives a detailed list of the books presented to the Western Section by each donor.

### IV

*Use of the Library*.—Figures are now appended for a period of

four official years under each item. The comparative statement speaks for itself; there were 11,640 visitors. There was a slight fall in the number of books borrowed from 2,828 in 1939-40 to 2,427 in 1940-41. The number of books consulted rose to 10,788 as against 9,836 in 1939-40. The number of MSS. on loan outside increased to 46 as against 34 in 1939-40.

The total number of books indexed during the year was 11,470 and great progress has been made in this direc-

tion. Nearly 29,000 books have been indexed in the Western Section. This almost completes the indexing of books. There remain about 1,700 volumes only, of English literature, to be still dealt with. When this is completed, it is hoped to make a complete reference index of the exceedingly valuable and rare matter contained in the journals. The figure of 29,000 above stated does not include bound volumes of journals, Encyclopædias etc. which yet remain to be indexed :

	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
Visitors	7,629	12,118	15,067	11,640
Books borrowed	2,899	3,223	2,828	2,427
„ consulted	3,344	5,756	9,836	10,788
MSS. borrowed	48	34	46	
„ consulted	597	731	2,060	
Magazines presented or bought...	1,533	2,881	2,196	1,693
Books presented or bought				
(Western Section)	1,229	956	700	995
Pamphlets	269	182	246	301
Books Bound—Western Section			521	473
Pamphlets bound—Western Section			950	275
Total number of books Indexed...	8,000	5,000	4,460	11,470

The progress made in Indexing has been mainly due to the valuable help rendered by Miss Amery, Mrs. A. Spruitenberg Dwars, Miss Katharine Veale, Miss Helen Veale and others. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the help of these voluntary helpers and to convey to them my sincere thanks for all that they are doing for the Library and will continue to do.

The Reading Room received 1,693 journals and magazines which have been a constant source of attraction of our readers. We specially thank Miss Palmer for the great and continued interest which she has in the Reading Room shown by her presenting her

copy of the *Hindu*, *The King-Hall News Letter* and the *Headway* for use in the Reading Room.

Even under the present trying conditions of transport the Library has continued to maintain its connection with foreign Universities and Research Institutions. Manuscripts were not lent outside India. But scholars continued to interest themselves and Institutions and recognized scholars of standing have always been accorded sympathetic consideration and treatment from our Library, for such requests of loans of MSS. in accordance with the rules framed for governing such loans.

CATALOGUING OF THE WESTERN  
SECTION

It has been mentioned in the last *Report* (1939-40, p. 5) that a Catalogue of books in the Western Section of the Library was under preparation under the direction of Bhikshu Arya Asanga, Jt. Director and Curator for Western Section.

It is planned to bring out the Catalogue under the following sections :

1. Theosophy
2. Religion and Mythology
3. Philosophy
4. History
5. Literature
6. Arts
7. Science
8. Miscellaneous
9. Books in languages other than English.

It is also proposed to add, at the end of the Catalogue, an alphabetical index of all the authors. More than half of the Catalogue is already in print.

## V

*Exchanges*—The Library has now three classes of Exchanges :

1. Those with whom the Library exchanges all its publications in return for all the publications of the other party.

Name	Title	Section
A. N. Krishna Aiyangar	The Road to Truth	Ind. Philosophy
K. Madhava Krishna Sarma	Vāk Before Bhartṛhari	Ind. Philosophy
H. G. Narahari	The Meaning of Brahman and Ātman in Ṛgveda	Ind. Philosophy

As desired by Dr. Kunhan Raja, the Local Secretary of the Congress, the three delegates of the Library were put on special duty to look after the office

2. Those with whom the Library *Bulletin* is in exchange.

3. Exchange for the *Adyar Library Annual Reports*.

In the first class, institutions like The University of Madras, The Department of Oriental MSS. Madras Govt., Travancore University, The Annamalai University, Govt. Oriental Library, Mysore, The Oriental Institute, Baroda, etc., are brought under.

In the second, come the learned journals continuing publication in spite of the present difficulties. In the third category, come a large number of Libraries, Eastern and Western, which have been sending their *Reports* for a long time past and have been getting our reports in exchange.

## VI

*The Indian Philosophy Congress.*—The XVIth Session of this Congress met in Madras and in accordance with the invitation issued to the Congress in December 1939 (see previous Report, p. 5) The Theosophical Society acted as the Host and permitted the use of the Adyar Compound for the session and gave free accommodation to the delegates. Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Curator, Eastern Section of the Library, was the Local Secretary of the Congress. The Library sent three delegates: Messrs. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, K. Madhava Krishna Sarma and H. G. Narahari and each one contributed a paper as given below :

of the Congress and the comforts of the delegates, during the period of the Conference.

## VII

*The Indian History Congress.*—The fourth session of this Congress met in Lahore in December 1941. Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar represented the Library as its delegate and contributed a paper on *The Poets of the Dindima Family and the Kings of Vijayanagar* which was accepted by the Congress.

## VIII

*Our Needs.*—We have been stressing in each annual report the imperative need for a spacious Library building. With the increase in the total number of volumes each year, the relief has become more urgent. The over-crowding of books and MSS. in our shelves, of the readers in the Reading Room and of Staff in our offices, demand our attention. The establishment of Fellowships duly endowed for the promotion of a Brotherhood of world-culture at our International Headquarters by affording facilities for at least one scholar-representative of each National Section of the Theosophical Society for residing at Adyar; to carry on studies, conduct research, exchange cultural ex-

cellences as an honoured and welcome member of the brotherhood of World culture—the realization of these things has, of course, to await the return of peace, the establishment of which is a consummation devoutly to be wished and prayed for.

## IX

*Acknowledgments.*—To my colleagues who have borne the burden of constant work with pleasure and enthusiasm I tender my grateful thanks for the co-operation which they have so willingly given throughout the year. In particular, I continue to be in continual obligation to Bhikshu Arya Asanga, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Miss Gertrude Watkin, Miss Katherine Veale and Miss Amery. To the Honorary Editors of our publications—Prof. Rao Bahadur K.V. Ranga-swami Aiyangar, Sri Aiyaswami Sastri, Vaidyaratna Pandit Duraiswami Aiyangar and Sri T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—I record my deep sense of gratitude for the services they have been rendering to our Library. Equally great is my gratitude to those Institutions and Governments which have continued to present their publications to our Library. A list of such donors is appended under *Annexure IV*.

Adyar

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

21-2-42

Honorary Director.



# STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS OF WORK IN THE EASTERN SECTION

## ANNEXURE I

*Statistical abstract of work done by :*

### (A) MR. K. MADHAVA KRISHNA SARMA

	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
No. of MSS. examined ...	253	225	733
No. re-examined ...	...	200	305
No. of forms of proof compared and corrected ...	...	8	107
No. of notes published in the Bulletin...	3	8	15
No. of notes prepared for the press ...	...	190	617

### (B) PAṆDIT NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
Printed books Catalogued ...	...	510	464
Cards Indexed ...	...	2020	1520
Labels ...	106	3236	1232
Index cards cancelled ...	...	1020	...
References for office ...	50	25	20
Loan-slips prepared ...	...	...	65
Do. cancelled ...	...	...	35
Granthas copied ...	13925	7086	2786
Granthas compared ...	14905	595	1816
Palm-leaf MSS. listed ...	106	289	46
Do. registered ...	...	289	375
Do. paper MSS. listed and registered ...	...	...	43
Do. transcripts ...	...	...	68
Proof corrected—No. of forms ...	...	...	10
Books for Binding ...	...	...	348
Granthas re-checked ...	...	...	2639

### (C) PAṆDIT K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
Granthas copied ...	21,700	22,000	...
„ compared ...	26,000	32,000	...
Proof corrected-forms ...	...	60	143
No. of forms prepared ...	...	...	25
No. of MSS. examined for cataloguing work ...	...	...	380

## ANNEXURE II

### BOOKS PRESENTED BY DR. G. S. ARUNDALE

A Woman of India	... G. S. Dutt
Collected Poems	... J. H. Cousins
Proceedings of the 27th Indian Science Congress	
Madras 1940. Parts 1 and 2	
Do. Part 4	

Poems of a South African	...	A. Vine Hall
H. H. The Maharaja of Bikaner	...	K. M. Panikkar
The Bikaner State Gazetteer	...	Capt. P. W. Powlett
The House of Bikaner	...	
A Congregational Pooja for the Hindus		
Student Movement in India	...	Prabodh Chandra
Theosophical College Magazine, Silver Jubilee Souvenir	...	
Nara Ratna Mandir ; Indore		
A Theosophist Looks at the World		G. S. Arundale
Life Sketch of Lt. Col. H. H. Maharaja Sir Udaji Kao Puar of Dhar	...	R. K. Phadke
The Teachings of Islam	...	Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
The Planet Neptune	...	Elizabeth Aldrich
Intentions	...	Oscar Wilde

## MR. C. JINARAJADASA

Aan de Voeten van den Meester	...	Dutch	Alcyone
Zu Fussen des Meisters	...	German	"
Zu die Fussen des Meisters	...	"	"
At the Feet of the Master	...	"	"
Mestarin Jalkojin Juuressa	...	Finnish	"
Aan de Voeten van den Meester	...	Dutch	"
" " " "	...	"	"
Aan des Meesters Voeten	...	"	"
Soidjoed Kana Sampeannana Sang Goeroesedjate	...	Javanese	"
Ved Mesterens Fodder	...	Danish	"
At the Feet of the Master (3 copies)	...	English	"
Aan des Meesters Voeten	...	Dutch	"
Aan de Voeten van den Meester	...	"	"
At the Feet of the Master (2 copies)	...	English	"
" " "	...	Serbian	"
" " "	...	Russian	"
Opetaja Jalge Ees	...	Esthonian	"
At the Feet of the Master	...	Hindi	"
" " "	...	Russian	"
" " "	...	Japanese	"
" " "	...	Pali Burmese	"
" " "	...	Marathi	"
A Los Pies del Maestro	...	Spanish	"
At the Feet of the Master (2 copies)	...	Sinhalese	"
" " "	...	Sanskrit	"
" " "	...	Hungarian	"
" " "	...	Malay	"
" " " (1912)	...	"	"
Ai Piedi del Maestro	...	Italian	"
Mestarin Jalkojen Juuressa	...	Finnish	"
Aan des Meesters Voeten	...	Dutch	"
La Picioarele Invatatorulin	...	Roumanian	"
Ai Piedi del Maestro	...	Italian	"
A Los pies del Maestro	...	Spanish	"
A os Pes do Mestre (2 copies)	...	Portuguese	"
Ce la Fiedoj de la Majistro	...	Esperanto	"
Au Pieds du Maitre	...	French	"
A Los Pies del Maestro	...	Spanish	"

At the Feet of the Master	... Russian	Alcyone
" " "	... Arabic	"
" " " (2 copies)	... Gujarati	"
" " " (4 copies)	... Bengali	"
Mengadep Pada Kakinjia Song Goerodewa	...	"
Mestarin Jalkojen Juuressa	... Finnish	"
Vid Mastarens Fotten	... Swedish	"
A Mester L'abaim'al (2 copies)	... Hungarian	"
Aan Des Meesters Voeten	... Dutch	"
At the Feet of the Master	... Polish	"
" " "	... Kannada	"
" " "	... Urdu	"
" " "	... Gujarati	"
Du' O'I Cho'n Thay	... Annamite	"
At the Feet of the Master (7 copies)	... English	"
Education as Service (2 copies)	... "	J. Krishnamurti
" " "	... Sinhalese	"
Suggestions for Star Groups	... English	"
Education as Service	... "	"
The Herald of the Star. Vol. I, No. 1	... J. Krishnamurti	"
Haunted Houses	... C. Flammarion	"
When Churchyards Yawn	... C. Asquith	"
An Adventure	... Moberley and Jourdain	"
Spiritualism, Its Present-day meaning	... (Edr.) Huntly Carter	"
By-Ways of Ghostland	... E. O'Donnell	"
Glimpses in the Twilight	... F. G. Lee	"
Ghost Stories and Presentiments	...	"
The Direct Phenomena of Spiritualism	... E. T. Bennett	"
The Wanderings of a Spiritualist	... A. Conan Doyle	"
Ghostly Tales	... Countess Munster	"
Glimpses of the Supernatural. Vol. I	... F. G. Lee	"
" " " Vol. II	... F. G. Lee	"
The Professional and Other Psychic Stories	... A. Goodrich-Freer	"
The Shadow World	... Hamlin Garland	"
Glimpses into Infinity	... Frank Hwes	"
The Trial of the Dead	... Flectcher Robinson	"
The Dreams of Oslo	... A. M. Irvine	"
Uncanny Stories	... (Edr.) S. Louis Giraud	"
Psychical Phenomena and the War	... Hereward Carrington	"
Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World	... R. Dale Owen	"
Modern Psychical Phenomena	... H. Carrington	"
Dreams and Premonitions	... L. W. Rogers	"
New Evidences in Psychical Research	... J. Arthur Hill	"
The Psychic Structures at the Goligher Circle	... W. J. Crawford	"
Thirty Years of Psychical Research	... Charles Richet	"
Revelations of a Society Clairvoyante	... Nell St. John Montague	"
Personal Experiences in Spiritualism	... H. Carrington	"
Warnings from Beyond	... (Edr.) S. Louis Giraud	"
Ghosts in the Great War etc.	...	"
A Theory of the Mechanism of Survival	... W. Whately Smith	"
Sights and Shadows	... F. G. Lee	"
Two Souls in One Body	... Heny H. Goddard	"
Haunted Homes and Family Legends of Great Britain	...	"
The Debatable Land	... J. H. Ingram	"
Werwolves	... R. Dale Owen	"
	... Elliott O'Donnell	"

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Real Ghost Stories	... W. T. Stead
Six Ghost Stories	... T. G. Jackson
A Book of Ghosts	... S. Baring Gould
Ghost Stories	... E. & H. Heron
True Ghost Stories	... Hereward Carrington
Great Ghost Stories	... (Sld.) J. L. French
Phantoms of the Dawn	... Violet Tweedale
Great Ghost Stories	... (Edr.) Harrison Dale
Ghost Tales and Legends	... H. Drummond Gauld
More Great Ghost Stories	... (Edr.) Harrison Dale
Ghosts, Helpful and Harmful	... Elliot O'Donnell
The Ghosts in Shakespeare's Plays	... L. W. Rogers
Psychical Research, Science and Religion	... S. De Brath
Enigmas of Psychical Research	... J. H. Hyslop
The Haunted Homes: Family Legends of Great Britain	... J. H. Ingram
True Ghost Stories	... Cheiro
Essays in Psychical Research	... Miss X
Demon Possession	... John L. Nevins
Ghost Land	... Emma H. Britten
Dreams and Ghosts	... Andrew Lang
Guide to Mediumship	... E. W. and M. H. Wallis
An Amazing Seance and an Exposure	... S. A. Moseley
Spiritualism among Civilized and Savage Races	... E. Lawrence
Thought Lectures	... Father Stephano
The Coming Science	... H. Carrington
The Projection of the Astral Body	... Muldoon and Carrington
Experiences in Spiritualism with D. D. Home	... Earl of Dunraven
The World we live in	... E. A. Brackett
Death: Its Causes and Phenomena	... Carrington and Reader
Evidence for a Future Life	... G. Delanne
The Tale of Terror	... Edith Birkhead
Spook Stories	... E. F. Benson
Researches in Spiritualism	... Wm. Crookes
We are Here	... Ludvig Dahl
Twenty Years Experiences as a Ghost Hunter	... Elliot O'Donnell
Proofs of the Spirit World	... L. Chevreuil
Ghosts of the Broad's	... Chas Sampson
The Evidences for Communication with the Dead	... Anna Hude
Some New Evidence for Human Survival	... C. D. Thomas
The Problem of Psychical Research	... H. Carrington
Supernormal Faculties in Man	... Eugene Osty
A Dweller in Two Planets	... Phyllos
Diversions in Sicily	... H. F. Jones
Spiritualism and the New Psychology	... M. Culpin
The Eternal Question	... Allen Clarke
Colloquies with an Unseen Friend	... Walburga Lady Paget
Existence after Death Implied by Science	... J. B. Hunt
Your Psychic Powers and How to Develop them	... H. Carrington
The Ghost World	... T. F. Thiselton Dyer
Animal Ghosts	... Elliott O'Donnell
Uncanny Tales	... Mrs. Molesworth
They Return at Evening	... H. R. Wakefield
The Queer Side of Things	... Mary L. Lewis
Mans' Survival After Death	... C. L. Tweedale
A Subaltern in Spirit Land	... J. S. M. Ward

On the Edge of the Etheric	... H. A. Findlay
Life After Death	... (Edr.) Sir James Marchat
The Phenomena of Spiritualism	... W. Crookes
Etheric Vision, Its Development and Use	... H. D. Thorp
The Soul of Things. Vol. I	... W. and E. Denton
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" " " " Vol. III	...
Dealings with the Dead	... (Trs.) Mrs. A. E. Whitehead
The Evolution of Spiritualism	... Harvey Metcalfe
A Psychic Vigil in Three Watches	...
Proofs of the Truths of Spiritualism	... G. Henslow
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Wonders of the Invisible World	... Cotton Mather
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Letters of Natural Magic	... Sir David Brewster
More Uncanny Stories	... Various
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Shadow Land	... E. d'Esperance
The Vital Message	... A. Conan Doyle
Claude's Book	... (Edr.) B. Wrey Savile
Apparitions	... Rev. B. Wrey Savile
The Earthen Vessel	... Pamela Glenconner
Names and Numbers	... Chio Hogenraad
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Stories Weird and Wonderful	... J. E. Muddock
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Our Self After Death	... Rev. A. Chambers
Not at Night	... C. C. Thomson
Things That Have Happened	... R. B. Span
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The Ghosts of the Guard Room	... Annabal Gray
Dr. Beale	... E. M. S.
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Mediumship etc.	... Roger Pater
Mystic Voices	... A. Conan Doyle
Secrets of Occultism	... Oliver Bland
The Voices	... Vice-Adml. W. Osborne Moore
Ghost Stories	... T. M. Jarvis
Famous Ghost Stories by English Authors	...
Modern Spiritualism	... A. T. Schofield
Silhouettes of Spirit Life	... (Compd.) Amicus
Objections to Spiritualism Answered	... H. A. Dallas
From the Other Side	... J. H. D. Miller
The Dead Have Never Died	... E. C. Randall
Private Dowding	... (W. T. P.)
Life Everlasting & Psychic Evolution	... J. W. Frings
Experiments in Psychical Science	... W. J. Crawford
The White Ghost Book	... J. A. Middleton
Mysteries of Hypnosis	... George de Dubor
Tales of Men and Ghosts	... E. Wharton
The Witness	... Jessie Platts
Where are the Dead or Spiritualism Explained	... Fritz
Claude's Second Book	... (Edr.) L. Kelway Hamber
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Letters on Demonology and Witchcraft	... Sir Walter Scott
The Occult Arts	... J. W. Frings
Thought Transference	... N. W. Thomas
A Primer of Psychical Research	... H. Carrington
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The Terror Dream	... George H. Green
The Mind in Sleep	... R. F. Fortune
Illusions	... Sully
Mystery of Dreams. Parts I and II	... M. N. Ganesa Aiyar
Photographing the Invisible	... James Coates
Seeing the Invisible	... " " "
The Progress of Personality After Death	... Rev. T. E. Ruth
The New Revelation	... A. Conan Doyle
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A Planchette Problem	... Sister Mary Christopher
The Extraordinary Affliction etc., of a Little Boy	... James Heaton
Thoughts on Psychometry	... I da Ellis
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Ghost Stories and Other Queer Tales	... Various
Ghost Gleams	... W. James Wintle
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Is Modern Spiritualism Based on Facts or Fancy	... James Coates
A Modern Miracle	... Rev. G. M. Elliott
Dreamland and Ghostland	
Pictures from Lotus Land	... F. M. Muriel
Finland Illustrated	
Historia de la Unidad Italiana. Toms I	... F. Bertolini
" " " Toms II	... "
Trieste	... G. Caprin
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Le Comte de Gabalis	... M. de Villars
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Extraits de J. J. Rousseau	... (Edr.) H. E. Berthon
Des Revenant etc.	... Yor Nav
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F'abulas	... J. Manso
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Discursos	... K. Lorenzo Montufar
Tres Meditaciones	... J. C. Gonzalez
Marti' El Ap'ostol	... Jorge Manach
Sinfonia Del Rio Uruguay	... C. Sabat Ercasty
Farma Paraguaya	... A. de Winkelried Bertoni
El Secreto del Bieny del Mal	... J. R. Munz
El Alma de la Raza. Vol. I	... M. Dominguez
Los Paisajes Iluminados	... M. A. de Mariani
Amate	... Irma Inchausti
Alas	... M. A. De Mariani
Aventuras del Gnomo 24 horas	... "
Trilogia de la Maternidad	... "
O Sexo en Face do Indivedno, da Familia e da ciedathe	... J. de Albuquerque
A Quarte Humanidade	... P. Salgado
Mi Escuela Ideal	... M. L. Petetin
Mexico Pintoresco	... Hugo Brehma
Un Hombre y Su Vida	... S. M. Onrubia
Influencia de la Lengua Guarani en Sud-Amereca y antillas	... M. S. Bertoni
Sol Pomete	... M. Cordero
Resumen de Prehistoria y Protohistoria de los Parsis Guarames	... N. S. Bertoni
Etopeyas	... C. G. Duran
El Problema del Homosexualismo	... A. Adler
Lumina Pe Carare si Karma (Light on the Path and Karma)	... M. C.
Programnia de accao Legislativa	... J. De Albuquerque
Filosofia Esoterica a Indier	... J. C. Chatterji
Congreso de Barcelona 1934	
Destellos del Alma	... Q. de Wyld
El Perfil del Hombre y la Cultura en Mexico	... S. Ramos
Poderes Ocultos del Hombre	... J. de la Velasco
Zanzalas	... Affonso Schmidt
Estampas Guatemalticas	... A Rey Soto
El Enigma del Hombre	... I Rojas R
El Espiritualismo y la Evolucion	... "
Norte dos Reis on Oque Quiserdes	... Shakespeare
Life of Samuel Johnson. Vol. I	... Jas Boswill
The Fire-Bringer	... W. V. Moody
Buddhist Catechism	... Bhikku Khemo Navayanist
Il Corano	... (Edr.) Dolt. Lnigi Bonelli
The Two Buddhist Books in Mahayana	
Dante's Divina Commedia	... J. Van Dyk
Human Culture and Cure	... Dr. E. D. Babbitt
Conocimiento del Hombre	... G. Adler
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23.	Descriptive Catalogue of Telugu Manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras. Vol. VIII		Superintendent, Government, Press, Madras	"
24.	Dharaṇīkoṭa, Itihāsatarāṅgiṇī, Granthamālā		K. Srinivasa Aiyangar	"
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26.	Premasundari (Sarasvati Granthamālā)		"	"
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29.	Mogalāyidaṛbāru, (Vols. 1, 2) Sarasvati Granthamālā		K. Srinivasa Aiyangar	"
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## THE OLCOTT HARIJAN FREE SCHOOLS

I have the honour to submit the following brief report of the Olcott Harijan Free Schools for the year 1941.

*The Schools.*—The Olcott Harijan Free Schools continue to be three in number. The Olcott Memorial school has in it 425 boys and 143 girls with a staff of 18 teachers. It continues to be as popular as before, and at the beginning of this school-year, in June last, admissions had to be denied to as many as 150 to 200 children on account of our financial and other limitations. The Mrs. Hilda Wood's Adult Night School which is intended for the Damodarapuram village has in it 33 pupils in charge of two teachers. The work of this school is becoming a problem. Most of the school-age children in the village are attending the Olcott Memorial School, a number of the adults have already passed through the five standards and the remaining who do not know reading or writing, find it difficult to attend the School after their day's labour. Various means are tried to work up the School successfully, to get the pupils regularly and punctually. As the economic condition of the people is becoming harder day by day the work of this School is also getting more and more difficult, as also it has not been possible to afford them their necessary incentives and at the same time conform to the rigid rules and regulations of the Government Educational Department who are tightening their rules regarding the Night Schools—making it impossible to render the adults here such an education as suited to their needs. The Olcott Kuppam School with its 29 boys and 38 girls in the care of two teachers continues to look after the educational needs of one of the most backward fisherman villages. About 20 children from the neighbouring village have sought admission into the school recently, and I hope they will be happy there.

*Accommodation.*—During this year a building adjacent to the Olcott Memorial School was acquired to improve the accommodation and to relieve the congestion. A compound wall and fence has been built all round the School. The Damodarapuram Night School shed was completely renovated this year and the Olcott Kuppam School shed which was in a very dilapidated condition has been thoroughly reconstructed on a semi-permanent basis.

*Education.*—The Schools earnestly try to keep ever before them the ideal of our President-Founder, Col. Olcott, in founding these institutions—the ideal of training the children to so live as to give a reverential respect to oneself and for all, and "The Principles of Education" as given by our Great President-Mother, Dr. Annie Besant, to guide the whole of our Educational programme of these Schools. The entire work is carried on in a spirit of inspiration coming to us through our beloved President, Dr. G. S. Arundale.

*Physical Education.*—The Deputy Inspector has said, "Though there is no medical inspection, pupils are given medical treatment in the School and regular attention is paid to them in the Theosophical Society's dispensary to which the School makes an annual contribution. Personal hygiene of the pupils, one is glad to note, is so well attended to that throughout the School, the Scheduled castes pupils can hardly be distinguished from the rest—Pupils' physique is well cared for by regular games played by them. Inter-class and inter-school sports were held in which the School has won distinction. Poor pupils numbering about a hundred are given free midday lunch." In this connection I take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to the T. S. Dispensary and Adyar Baby welfare who have been of very great

help to us in looking after the physical welfare of our children.

*Practical Education.*—The Deputy Inspector of Schools in his annual Inspection Report has stated: "... Instruction in general is very satisfactory—The quality of work in all the subjects is satisfactory... Handicrafts, prevocational training and physical training are particularly well-taught and are special features of the institution...."

"This is one of the best Schools in the range and it is gratifying to note that it has successfully passed another year with a record of good work in its valuable service in the uplift primarily of the scheduled castes pupils for which the School was started by its Founder, Col. Olcott. The aim of the management and the staff is Education rather than instruction and this they have well achieved by the hard and sincere work of an enthusiastic staff guided by its Headmaster. The variety of prevocational occupation offered—fret work and wood work, leather work, spinning, cloth, mat and tape weaving, net work, leaf work etc.,—the numerous handicrafts introduced—Scouting for boys and girls—the School Students' Union and its various committees—numerous excursions well organised and conducted—all these have made the institution real, efficient and useful, and the School popular. Besides the Scouts have had opportunities of rendering social service in the big Mylapore festival and in practical village cleaning work.—The Parents' Association and the Schoolday celebrations are regular features of the School.—

"The School has an atmosphere of order and discipline which is essential for community living. With a good School tone the School has built up a reputation for education for life which has been testified to by visitors like Madame Montessori..." In a subsequent

surprise visit paid to the School the Inspector of Schools remarked, "The acquisition of the building adjoining the School is a matter on which the management should be congratulated. It is gratifying to note that they are keen on progress in every direction, a testimony of which is the additional accommodation provided, and the compound wall recently extended, besides the provision of prevocational training for every pupil in the higher standards. The organisation and quality of prevocational work in this institution is of a high order...."

*Days of Inspiration.*—During the course of the year, the Schools celebrated the Days of their great benefactors—Col. Olcott, Mr. Schwarz, Dr. Annie Besant, and Dr. Arundale with great rejoicing and enthusiasm. Besides these they observe the great Puja Days of Sri Rama Navami, Sri Krishna Jayanthi, Sri Vinayaka and Saraswathi Pujas. Those are days of great moments to the children, as they are special occasions of our offering of our reverence and gratitude.

*Scouting.*—This year marks a landmark in the history of our School, since 25 years ago Mr. F. G. Pearce, the then Commissioner of the Indian Boy Scouts Association of our late chief, Dr. Annie Besant, started Cubbing in our School and thereby laid foundation for our Scout work—which has played a very great part in the educational programmes of our institution. I wish to offer him our affectionate regards and most sincere thanks on this occasion. I am glad to note here that our First Adyar Olcott Group won during this year the trophy for the best Scout Group of the Hindustan Scout Association in the Madras District. The following are the remarks of Sri C. V. Nagaraja Sastri, the Madras District Commissioner of the Hindustan Scout Association on the point.

**"THE BEST HINDUSTAN SCOUT  
GROUP IN MADRAS DISTRICT.**

**THE FIRST ADYAR OLCOTT GROUP  
WIN LODD GOVINDOSS TROPHY**

The First Adyar Olcott Group, which is one of the pioneer Scout Units in our Presidency having been started by Mr. F. G. Pearce in Olcott School 25 years ago, was adjudged winner of the Lodd Govindoss Trophy to the best group of the district. It has aimed at giving a useful and healthy back-ground to the educational and character-building programme of the life of our boys and girls with a great effort made to bring the movement under indigenous influence. It has 53 Scouts, 72 Cubs, 22 Girl Scouts and 33 Bulbuls in charge of 14 officers totaling 194 in strength. The period for consideration of the award was between the 23rd January 1941 and 24th February 1941. The Scout craft exhibition of 29th January 1941 had several exhibits from this group demonstrating several handicrafts. Though their programme is one full of Scouting activity for the Bulbuls, Boy scouts, Girl Scouts and Cubs, as the key-note of judging is the visitation of the sick, help of the poor and rural reconstruction and village work, special mention is to be made of the organisation of the Inter-elementary School sports of the surrounding villages of Adyar, giving sweets and refreshment to the children and the way the sports were specially designed and adapted to the requirements of the youngsters. In the village work even the young Bulbuls and Cubs took part. Clearing of village, School and temple sites, street cleaning, washing combing and first aid treatment to the children of the locality, meetings for men and women, lectures and lantern lectures on cleanliness, education and sanitation to the villagers and enter-

tainments to the villagers were undertaken. A total number of 370 children were treated and first aid treatment was given in cases of itches etc. Mention must be made of the lantern lectures on personal hygiene "enemies of man" and "evils of drink". The programme was full of scouting activity for the period under review and trips were made to Mahabalipuram and Tirukalikundram by boat and regular camping was under superb camping conditions. . .

"Special mention has to be made of the Group Scoutmaster, Mr. M. Krishnan, for the efficient organisation and for setting the pace for the other groups to follow."

*Finance.*—On account of the present world-wide disturbed and confused condition our financial position is more acute than heretofore. The educational department of the Government has gone on cutting the grants year after year. The Labour department has been approached for the enhancement of the annual recurring grant which we have been receiving from them and we earnestly hope for a substantial increase of their contribution. So more than ever we depend on the sympathetic support and munificence of our generous friends and well-wishers.

Before concluding I offer here my loving homage to our revered President and my grateful thanks to the members of the Board of Managers for their very kind help which they have rendered me in my work throughout.

I close this report with the fervent prayer that the Lords of Love may shower Their blessings of peace and joy on the world and on the children of our Schools.

M. KRISHNAN,

*Correspondent.*





# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDING

EXPENDITURE						Rs.	A.	P.
To Upkeep of Schools	...	...	...	...	...	11,047	5	7
„ Audit Fees	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
„ Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
„ Bank Charges	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	0
„ Postages	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	3
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	3	14	3
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	2,583	5	10
						13,720	5	11
To Reserve for acquisition of Lands and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
„ Amount Carried forward to Capital Account	...	...	...	...	...	83	5	10
						2,583	5	10

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.,

*Registered Accountant and Auditor.*

## THE OLCOTT HARIJAN FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR

31st MARCH 1941

INCOME						Rs.	A.	P.
By Donations	...	...	...	...	...	6,393	14	11
„ Grants-in-aid from Government	...	...	...	...	...	5,734	5	0
„ Interest	...	...	...	...	...	1,592	2	0
						13,720	5	11
By Excess of Income over Expenditure brought down						2,583	5	10
						2,583	5	10

ADYAR

29-4-1941

ARYA ASANGA,

Secretary-Treasurer.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Capital Account :</i>				
		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance as per last Balance-sheet	...	58,261	8	11
Add adjustment for revaluation of Immovable Property	... 820 14 0			
„ Movable Property	... 156 0 7			
	—————	976	14	7
		59,238	7	6
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure during the year ...		83	5	10
		59,321	13	4
Reserve for acquisition of Lands and Buildings		2,500	0	0
		61,821	13	4

## HARIJAN FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR

31ST MARCH 1941

PROPERTY AND ASSETS			Rs.	A.	P.
		Rs. A. P.			
Immovable Property as per last Balance-sheet	...	3,623 2 0			
Add adjustment for additions and revaluation	...	1,220 14 0	4,844	0	0
<i>Furniture and Equipment :</i>					
As per last Balance-sheet	...	1,082 2 0			
Add adjustment for additions and revaluation	...	156 0 7	1,238	2	7
Imprest cash with the Correspondent			50	0	0
<i>Investments (at cost) :</i>					
3½% 1947-50 G. I. Loan F. V. Rs. 6,000	...	6,000 0 0			
3½% 1842-43 G. I. Loan F. V. Rs. 200	...	198 0 0			
3½% 1900-01 G. I. Loan F. V. Rs. 2,500	...	2,475 0 0			
3% 1952 Madras Govt. Loan F. V. Rs. 29,600	...	29,407 3 0			
Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank Debentures F. V. Rs. 11,700	...	11,699 0 0	49,779	3	0
<i>Cash and other Balances :</i>					
Cash on hand	...	1,488 13 0			
Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...	3,305 7 8			
Prudential Deposit with Madras Provincial Co-operative Bank	...	1,116 3 0			
			5,910	7	9
			61,821	13	4

Examined and found correct,

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.,

Registered Accountant and Auditor.



# THE OLCOTT MEMORIAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE							Rs.	A.	P.
To Staff Salaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,059	5	8
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	167	11	6
„ Gratuity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	8	0
„ Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	7	0
„ Food Charges	...	...	...	...	...	...	426	6	6
„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	...	468	14	3
„ New Furniture purchased	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	13	6
„ Repairs to Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	11	0
„ Contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	4	1
„ Games equipment	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	5	0
„ Medicines ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	1	0
„ Pupils' Books, Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	...	101	6	9
„ School Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	1	0
„ Library Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	9	0
„ Class Books ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	2	2
„ Teaching equipment	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	7	6
„ Printing ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	8	0
„ Scout Equipment	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	2	6
„ Water Charges	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	6
„ Travelling and Conveyance	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	10	0
„ Handicrafts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	322	13	8
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	384	7	6
							9,774	13	1

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1941

Audited and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.

*Registered Accountant and Auditor.*

# DAMODARAPURAM NIGHT AND OLCOTT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE							
<i>To Damodarapuram Night School :</i>					Rs. A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Staff Salaries	...	...	...	...	322 10 8		
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	44 12 9		
Equipment	...	...	...	...	1 0 0		
Pupils Books and Stationary	...	...	...	...	24 5 2		
						392	12 7
<i>„ Olcott Kupham Day School :</i>							
Staff Salaries	...	...	...	...	546 7 9		
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	22 8 5		
Stationary	...	...	...	...	5 4 6		
Equipment	...	...	...	...	30 13 0		
Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	5 4 6		
Furniture	...	...	...	...	22 0 0		
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	25 15 3		
						658	5 5
„ Scholarships	...	...	...	...	...	155	15 0
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	65	7 6
						1,272	8 6

KUPPAM DAY SCHOOLS, ADYAR  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1941

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Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.,  
*Registered Accountant and Auditor.*





## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES



# THE BESANT THEOSOPHICAL SCHOOL, ADYAR, MADRAS

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1941-1942

THE school was opened for the year on 23rd June '41 and on the 27th of the same month we celebrated the 7th Anniversary of our foundation. These seven years have indeed been very eventful and we can look back upon this period as one of steady endeavour to make ourselves worthy of the illustrious name of Dr. Annie Besant with which we are associated. It is impossible to overestimate the splendid work she did for the cause of Indian education. If in this country today there is a desire for an educational system that will keep Indians Indian while giving them every opportunity to acquire knowledge, it is due to Dr. Besant who, in establishing the Central Hindu College and, later, several other institutions all over the country, fanned the sparks of national education into a flame that spread all over the country. At her feet we lay all our hopes and aspirations being certain that with her benediction on our endeavours we shall be able to make this school a house of training for good citizenship where young boys and girls will grow up imbued with a deep and wise love for our Motherland.

During this period we have had safe and sure anchorage in the bosom of The Theosophical Society and have enjoyed all the privileges of that great body's international and cultural associations. Those who have visited us well know that we have all the advantages that environment can give. Beautiful surroundings, peace, freedom from noise, a wonderful spiritual atmosphere—for all these we have to thank The Theosophical Society. We have had the inspiration and the leadership of Dr. G. S. Arundale to whom the school owes its existence for, he established it in 1934 in memory of his great leader and guru. His vast educational ex-

perience has always been at our disposal and his advice and help, both material and spiritual, have been of immense value and benefit to us.

During the year Rukmini Devi has continued as Director. There is no department of work in the school the work of which has not been directed by her. The insistence she lays upon attention to detail, her enthusiasm, her wonderful creative spirit—all these have been an education to the teacher no less than to the student. Through her, art and culture have become real and live influences in the school. It has been our great good fortune to be so intimately associated with her. Through her we come into touch with the real spirit of India—a spirit which inspires us with its beauty and its message.

In curricular study we have made great advances. Dr. Montessori and Signor Montessori have taken the utmost interest in our work and have actively directed work in all classes up to Form IV. Day after day and every day Signor Montessori has come to the school, taken classes himself, trained the teachers, supervised the making of materials, and has in every way directed the introduction of the Montessori system into the Middle School. There is no teacher in the school who does not feel personally grateful to Dr. Montessori and to Signor Montessori for the very vital training given to them, for a new vision of teaching, and a new presentation of the world of the child in which he creates himself into a man and creates a world for himself. Under the direction of the Montessoris much new material has been prepared. This preparation has been a revelation to the teacher because it has meant acquiring a knowledge of things that previously

had been no concern of his. Thus, those who have never had to wield a brush in their lives have had to become painters, those who had specialized in teaching history have had to acquire a knowledge of mathematics and scientists have had to learn to appreciate the beauties and subtleties of language and the intricacies of grammar. All this has indeed been a new experience and under the wise guidance and enthusiasm of Dr. Montessori our teachers have laboured with a will and done much original work. For the student also the introduction of the Montessori system has done wonders. The acquiring of knowledge has become a thing of intense interest and a creative activity. Many things that would ordinarily be learnt in the High School classes have been brought down to the Middle School and the students have tackled them with great ease and interest. We feel that the introduction of this system into the Middle School is something that is of great importance to the educational future of this country and deserves to be watched with sympathetic interest by everyone whether directly connected with the school or not.

The average physical health of the students has been excellent. Except for a stray case or two of influenza immediately after the arrival of the young people at school from the long vacation there have been no other cases of illness and there has not been even one case of any serious illness. This has been mainly due to the healthy and regular life, the cleanliness, and the simple and tasty but nourishing food of the hostel combined with the physical exercises and games that form a compulsory part of the daily programme of work in the school. In this connection I cannot express my gratitude sufficiently to Shrimati Seshammal, the Lady Superintendent of the Hostel. In everything that has had to do with the welfare of the young people en-

trusted to our care her magic touch has made itself felt. If our hostel has won golden opinions from all it is in no small measure due to her. She has been a mother to the whole school.

We have joined with the Kalakshetra in celebrating the important festivals of the different religions. Religious education is one of the main objects of our programme. We feel that in order to develop that spirit of dedication, which is primarily the religious spirit, a wise observance of religious festivals is of great help. We have made plans for this year, in conjunction with the Kalakshetra, to make religious education a still more vital factor. We have devised ways and means of correlating the study of religion with the study of various different subjects of the curriculum. The teachers of the Kalakshetra and the School have carefully compiled a comprehensive list of the great people of the world so that days dedicated to them may be observed in our institutions thus bringing the young people into contact with that greatness which is humanity reaching to the divine. By such contact and through the appreciation of greatness there will be a stimulation of the same principle in each individual.

In the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of the year 1941 our students came off creditably, the percentage of passes being 50. This year the percentage is higher being 60. The five batches of students belonging to this school that have appeared for the S.S.L.C. Examination from the year 1937 on, have acquitted themselves very well in the colleges that they have joined both from the academical point of view and also from the point of view of steadiness and self-reliance of character. Some of them have done brilliantly well at their University examinations. A professor in one of the city colleges told the Headmaster how much



students coming from The Besant Theosophical School were appreciated in his college. In other walks of life also our students have made good. Some are in skilled professions and have responsible posts. One or two have been given emergency commissions in the army for the duration of this war.

There has been much extra-curricular activity. The scouts have had a good year of work. The girl scouts especially have been very keen about their tests and have done very well as far as they are concerned. Their captain, Miss Lillias Gale, has been enthusiastic in the cause of Scouting and as scribe of the scouters' council has spurred every one to activity. Our Scouts have participated in many functions in the city of Madras and have ranked high in inter-troop and inter-group competitions. During the Provincial Physical Education Conference our school was asked to give some items of demonstration which were much appreciated. We have also broadcast several programmes of music over the Radio. During this coming year we shall be participating in Radio programmes under the direction of Shrimati Rukmini Devi and the Kalakshetra.

The International Theosophical Convention of December 1941 was an important occasion for us. In view of the presence of a large number of delegates from all parts of India visiting Adyar for the Convention we arranged an exhibition of arts and crafts as well as of educational material. The exhibition remained open for the term of the Convention and was visited by many distinguished persons. Among those who came was Mr. Svetoslav Roerich, the distinguished painter, and Mr. J. H. Cousins both of whom were struck by the talent displayed by some of the young exhibitors. Sri Madhava Warrior, our teacher of painting, who is a student of Sri Nandalal Bose, joined

us only at the beginning of the academic year 1941-42 and during his short stay of one year has succeeded in rousing the enthusiasm of students and in instilling into them a love of and interest in painting and allied arts. The same must be said of Sri K. S. Parameswaran, our teacher of handwork. He has been with us now for two years and has done fine work in his section. The success of the Convention exhibition is mainly due to them. During the Convention our students also took part in a variety of entertainment arranged by Shrimati Rukmini Devi. Our students have frequent opportunities of taking part in such activities organised by Shrimati Rukmini Devi which form an integral part of the artistic and cultural education that our school affords.

Our school magazine has had another successful year. This paper is conducted exclusively by the students, and members of the staff have only a general supervisory control. Three numbers are issued every year. During the year under review a special number was brought out on the birthday of Dr. Montessori. Articles are written in Tamil, Telugu and English; occasionally in Sanskrit and Hindi also. The contributions reveal a high standard of literary proficiency and much originality and imagination.

During the summer vacation of 1940 a party of students and teachers of the Kalakshetra and the School made a tour of the Tamil Districts for propaganda and publicity purposes. They visited Kodaikanal, Periyakulam, Karaikudi, Sivaganga and Ootacamund. Dance recitals were given by Shrimati Radha, senior pupil of the Kalakshetra, and variety entertainments in which other pupils and teachers took part were also arranged in these places. Members of the party gave lectures on Theosophy and Education. One of the things that interested the public most in all the

places visited by us was the exhibition of educational materials, students' hand-work and art, series, and other products of the Kalakshetra weaving establishment that we took with us. We were received with much sympathy and generosity in all the places visited by us. It was our aim, in undertaking this tour, to acquaint the public in these places with our aims and ideals and to demonstrate to some extent our method of work. We also succeeded in collecting some financial contributions to the school. These did not amount to very much but we are very grateful to the generous friends who helped us.

We were sorry to lose two members of our staff, Shrimati D. M. Kuchalambal and Sri M. C. Wankhade, who left us to take up work elsewhere towards the end of the year. They were popular and valuable members of the staff and we said farewell to them with regret. We wish them both a very successful future. On February 7th 1942 Sri M. Subramania Iyer resigned his post of Treasurer to the school owing to pressure of other work. Sri Subramania Iyer has been an enthusiastic guardian of the finances of the school and a great friend of us all. Though he has, at present, no official connection with the school he continues to take deep interest in everything that pertains to us. Sri N. Jagannadha Rao, a member of the staff, was appointed Bursar and he has taken charge of the school office the running of which he has made very efficient. I am deeply grateful to him for taking a big load of worry off my shoulders by looking after the tiresome job of maintaining accounts and other records, and in helping to run the organisation of the school smoothly.

We are not alone in the depletion we suffered with the entry of Japan into the war and the increase of the threat to the coastal towns of India. All the schools in the city of Madras

have had the same experience of rapidly diminishing strength. More than a hundred students were withdrawn from this institution and the hostel was left with a negligible strength. But this gave us an opportunity of extending the scope of educational activity. Under the direction of Shrimati Rukmini Devi we have organised a system of A.R.P. for eight villages round the school. In order to help the poor people who were without employment a small paper making department was established in which many job-less villagers work. We hope to keep all this alive during this year, for education has to be realised as service if it is to be real. An Animal First Aid Post and Dispensary was also organised under the control of The Theosophical Society with an enthusiastic member of our staff, Sri M. Subramaniam, in charge. We hope that conditions will show substantial improvement during this present year. Madras cannot be said to be in greater danger than other towns. Adyar lies a considerable distance away from any objective of military importance. If an air raid does occur, the majority of our teachers are trained Air Raid Wardens and the school is equipped with a sufficient number of shelters to protect all our students.

The war is teaching us all a terrible lesson. It is unbelievable that in a world of sensible, friendly men and women such a fierce expression of savage inhumanity could be tolerated. This shows how much the world stands in need of right education. It is not enough for people to be instinctively good natured. Their minds and hearts should be consciously regimented towards peace and good will so that men will not follow wrong leaders. Education for right citizenship is the only thing that will save the world and India needs the salvation that right education will bring almost more than any other country. It is education for right citizenship that Dr. Besant strove

so hard to establish for India. She worked with passionate devotion for a great and free future for this country. Shall we not, then, do our best to establish soundly this memorial to the greatest figure of modern times and by perpetuating the work that was so dear to her heart give our Motherland the service she needs most, the service of providing her with sons and daughters who will be deeply patriotic and wise in their devotion.

### STAFF

1. Shrimati A. Seshammal,  
*Lady Superintendent of Hostel.*
2. Mr. K. Sankara Menon, M.A.,  
*Headmaster.*
3. Mr. N. Jagannadha Rao, B.A., L.T.
4. Mr. S. Santanam, M.A., L.T.
5. Mr. S. Krishnaratnam, B.Sc., L.T.
6. Mrs. K. C. Seetha, B.A., L.T.
7. Mr. M. Hariharan, B.A.

8. Mr. M. Subramanyam,  
*Montessori Diploma.*
9. Shrimathi K. Jagadambal,  
*Secondary Trained, Montessori Diploma.*
10. Mr. S. Venkatachala Sastri,  
*Vidwan and Siromani.*
11. Miss Edith F. Finchin, M.R.S.T.,  
*Montessori Diploma.*
12. Mr. P. S. Krishnaswamy,  
*B. T. Montessori Diploma.*
13. Shrimati R. Lakshmi, S.S.L.C.,  
*Montessori Diploma.*
14. Mr. K. N. Nilakanta Iyer,  
*Sangeetha Vidwan.*
15. Mr. K. Madhav Warriar, *Artist.*
16. Mr. K. S. Parameswaran,  
*Manual Instructor.*
17. Dr. D. Padmasani, L.I.M.,  
*House-master and Resident Doctor.*
18. Mr. C. S. Ramachandran, S.S.L.C.,  
*Laboratory Assistant.*

K. SANKARA MENON,  
*Headmaster.*

## THE ORDER OF THE ROUND TABLE

I am happy to submit this Annual Report of the Order of the Round Table in India and Burma for the year 1940—1941.

At the beginning of the year there were 13 Tables on the roll. During the year five more were formed. New Tables were started at Baroda and Poona. Tables at Surat, Bhavnagar and Karachi (Table Jinārājādāsa—Knights' Table) were revived. At Karachi the three Tables, Herakles, Besant and Armaity were amalgamated into one Table—the Table Besant. So at present there are 16 Tables with a total membership of about 275.

Last year during the Theosophical Convention at Benares we had a general meeting of our Order at which representatives from most of the Tables in India as also from other lands were present. Our Senior Knight, Rukmini Devi, and Knight Raja, Knight of Honour, attended the meeting and gave inspiring addresses.

After the meeting there was an informal discussion on (i) the use of special badges for India; (ii) the translation of the ritual into Indian languages; and (iii) the advisability of allowing parents of members or intending candidates to attend the ceremonial meetings.

During the Annual Sessions of the Gujarat and Kathiawar Federation held at Baroda in March, a special Round Table meeting was held at which some admissions were made. Advantage should be taken of T. S. Federation Sessions and Conferences to arrange the meetings of the Round Table.

## SUMMARIES OF REPORTS

RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT  
TABLES

1. *Adyar: The Vasanta Round Table*—Meetings were held almost every Sunday afternoon at the Besant

Theosophical School. 35 to 40 members attended regularly. There were ceremonial as well as non-ceremonial meetings. All the Pages have their own flower or tree names; and the Companions represent different virtues. At ceremonial meetings passages from *At the Feet of the Master* are read. Every morning the longer pledge is repeated at the School.

2. *Ahmedabad*: There are twenty members on the roll. All are active and sincere. Usually meetings are held regularly once a month. Members take a keen interest in the Art's Circle and the Children's Circle, the Bharat Samaj Ritual and the Ritual of the Mystic Star.

3. *Ankleshwar: The Shri Krishna Round Table*—There are 14 members in this Table. Meetings were held occasionally. A special message was sent to our Senior Knight on her birthday.

4. *Baroda: The Besant Round Table*—This Table was opened in August. There are about 15 enthusiastic members on the roll. The Table meets regularly for ceremonial meetings.

5. *Benares: The Vasanta Round Table*—There are 20 members. This Table carries on its work with full enthusiasm. They have their ceremonial meetings on every 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. A picnic was successfully organized. Members gave dance recitals on Janmāshtami and during the Convention.

6. *Bhavnagar*: This Table was re-organized at the beginning of this year by the Leading Knight of the Table. There are 25 members. Four meetings were held. The Leading Knight is a very fine and enthusiastic member.

7. *Bombay*: There are three Tables in Bombay. Three joint and special meetings of all the Tables in Bombay



were held : (i) To celebrate the Foundation Day when Captain Balfour Clarke, who personally knew the Founder, George Herbert Whyte, Knight Lancelot, gave an interesting address. A message was sent to our Protector, Dr. Arundale, offering respectful congratulations on his being re-elected to the Presidentship of The Theosophical Society ; (ii) The Animal Welfare Day was celebrated on 4th October by a special meeting ; (iii) During the presence in Bombay of Knight Raja, Knight of Honour, a special meeting was arranged, when he gave a very interesting talk on the early history of the Round Table and the ideals of our Order. He exhorted the members to keep honour and service above everything else and to follow that ideal Knight Bayard, "The Knight without fear and without blemish."

Members helped to organize a musical entertainment. A good sum was collected for the Rukmini Devi Scholarship Fund.

8. *Bombay : The Maitreya Round Table*—This Table has 38 members. It held six ordinary and three special meetings.

9. *Dadar, Bombay : The Jaimini Round Table*—The Table has 16 members. Meetings were held regularly every month up to June 1941. Some of them were of a non-ceremonial nature too. No meetings were held after July owing to the illness of the Leading Knight.

10. *Juhu, Bombay : The Osiris Round Table*—There are 8 members. Meetings were held occasionally. At a regular meeting in May, at the time of the T. S. Workers' Camp, 28 members from different Tables in India were present. Brother Harjivan Mehta gave a short discourse based on the motto of the Round Table and explained how important and useful this organization is.

11. *Karachi : The Besant Round Table*—There are 28 members. Four re-

gular meetings and four special meetings were held. The special meetings were in connection with : (i) Commemoration of the anniversary of one of the departed members, Sister Krishna Chuharmal ; (ii) The Founders' Day Meeting ; (iii) Celebration of World Day for Animals ; (iv) During my visit to Karachi. Monthly excursions are organized.

12. *Karachi : The Sirius Round Table*—The Table has resumed its activities since June 1941. Two regular meetings were held during the period under report. The total strength is 9.

13. *Poona : The Ashoka Round Table*—The Table was founded on 27th July 1941. There are 9 members and some are awaiting admission. 3 meetings were held including the Foundation Day Meeting.

14. *Rangoon (Burma) : The Siddhartha Round Table*—The Leading Knight reports that the Table has been actively engaged in its high purpose during the year ending 30-9-41. The membership remained steady at 8. There were 7 ceremonial meetings.

I regret to state that the remaining Tables have as yet not sent in their reports.

*Individual Members*—Miss Sumati Kardile at Nasik and Miss Shanta Bhadbhade at Sangli carry on their work with great enthusiasm in spite of many handicaps. They have collected a group of young people round them who do some special service.

Monthly letters were sent to the Leading Knights regularly, including the messages received from our Protector and Knight Raja.

During the year I visited Poona, Baroda, Surat, Ankleshwar, Karachi and Benares to work for our Order.

Greetings were sent to our Protector and Senior Knight on their birthdays.

I wish to express my profound gratitude to our Protector Dr. G. S. Arundale, our Senior Knight, Rukmini Devi,



and Knight Raja, Knight of Honour, for all the valuable suggestions, help and inspiration I have received from them.

I also take this opportunity of thanking all the Leading Knights for their hearty co-operation.

In conclusion let me sincerely thank all the members of our Order who have helped me in various ways to carry on the work with success.

May our Order grow from more to more in number, strength and usefulness,

may its members be inspired to "Live Pure, Speak True, Right Wrong and Follow THE KING," and may it continue to be a more and more efficient channel for the outpouring of the Wisdom and Strength, the Love and Compassion of THE KING !

TEHMINA K. WADIA,

*Chief Knight for India.*

December 1941.

### LIST OF ROUND TABLES IN INDIA AND BURMA

Giving Name of the Table, Name of the Leading Knight, and Leading Knight's address.

1. ADYAR, Vasanta : Mrs. Mary Elmore, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras.

2. AHMEDABAD : Miss Indumati Mehta, 28, Pritamnagar, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad.

3. ANKLESHWAR, Shri Krishna : Mr. R. D. Champaneria, Mewada Falia, Ankleshwar, (via. Broach).

4. BARODA, Besant : Mr. Rajnikant Hora, Ahmedabadi Pole, Baroda.

5. BENARES, Vasant : Mrs. Tara Kulkarni, The Theosophical Society, Kamacha, Benares.

6. BHAVNAGAR : Mrs. Jayakumari Dani, Amrott Kunj, Krishnanagar Plot, Bhavnagar (Kathiawar).

7. BOMBAY, Maitreya : Mr. N. V. Ullal, Kutch Castle, opp. Opera House, Bombay.

8. DADAR, Jaimini : Mr. L. B. Rajee, Empress Mahal, B Block, Khodadad Circle, Dadar, Bombay 14.

9. JUHU, Osiris : Miss T. K. Wadia, The Theosophical Colony, Juhu, Bombay 25.

10. KARACHI, Jinarājādāsa (Knights' Table) : Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji, Machhimiani Road, Karachi.

11. KARACHI, Besant : Mrs. G. K. Minwala, Noonan Road, Karachi.

12. KARACHI, Sirius : Mrs. N. J. Dubash, c/o Mr. C. E. Anklesaria, 10 Katrak Colony, Karachi.

13. POONA, Ashok : Miss Malati Bhadbhade, 18, Ganeshwadi, Poona 4.

14. RANGOON, Siddhartha : Mr. Homi M. Shroff, 276, Lewis Street, Rangoon, Burma.<sup>1</sup>

15. SHOLAPUR : Mrs. M. E. Parekh, c/o Nagarwala & Sons, Sholapur.

16. SURAT, Besant : Mr. Satvasukh V. Hora, Havadia Chakla, Surat.

### *Individual Members*

1. GWALIOR : Miss Prabhavati Kulkarni, Khatkes Bara, Naya Bazar, Lashkar, Gwalior.

2. NASIK : Miss Sumati Kardile, Kardile's Wada, Nasik.

3. SANGLI : Miss Shanta Bhadbhade, New Extension, Sangli, S.M.C.

<sup>1</sup> At present not functioning owing to the Japanese occupation 1942.

## KALĀKSHETRA : REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, 1941

KALĀKSHETRA records during the year under review a remarkable series of activities calculated steadily towards stabilizing the Centre, founded by Rukmini Devi in 1935, where learning, art and religion, all combined and given their due place in the training of the young, will "wield a great influence for the spiritual and cultural awakening," thus releasing the soul of India.

Rukmini Devi has a vision not only of an Indian culture, but also the larger vision of a new world culture. She is endeavouring to unify the existing Indian cultures through the influence of Kalākshetra, and through the instrumentality of her several tour programmes in which she is building a structure of art on the foundation of Bharata Natya, the classical dance of South India.

*Tour Programmes*—The North Indian tour in the winter of 1940 culminated in the early part of the new year in the meeting of two great pioneers of the modern Indian Renaissance—Rukmini Devi and Rabindranath Tagore—in the Poet's Ashram at Shantiniketan, where Rukmini Devi informally danced, to the delight of the Poet. A crusading tour of South India was undertaken by a group of Kalākshetra artists in conjunction with some teachers and pupils of the Besant Theosophical School during the summer of 1941 (April-June). At the places which the party visited, Kodaikanal, Periyakulam, Karaikudi, Sivaganga and Ootacamund, the young crusaders put before appreciative audiences in a practical form the new ideals of life in education and the arts through the dance recitals of Srimati S. Radha, a senior pupil of Kalākshetra, by variety programmes of dances and music, and by exhibitions of educational material and of arts and crafts, lantern lectures, and talks on the Montessori system of child education.

The climax of this summer tour was reached at Ootacamund, where Rukmini Devi gave two recitals, the first in the Assembly Rooms on May 25th, before a large and distinguished audience of Maharajahs and in some instances their family parties, and the second on June 1st, in the same place. On this occasion Rukmini Devi was invited to arrange a programme of dances for the birthday celebrations of His Highness the Maharajah of Bhavnagar.

The tour of Rukmini Devi and Dr. Arundale during October-November 1941, covering the northern cities of Bombay, Baroda, Bhavnagar, Delhi, Allahabad, Patna, and culminating in Calcutta, was "a veritable triumphal progress" in the course of which Rukmini Devi was acclaimed "as among the greatest exponents of Indian classical dancing and as the leader of a great cultural renaissance."

Kalākshetra had the great privilege in June 1941 of congratulating Dr. George S. Arundale, on his installation as President of the International Theosophical Society for a second seven-year term of office. In the course of an address presented to him on behalf of Kalākshetra, Rukmini Devi stated: "The Kalākshetra feels in you the great champion of Indian culture and a true international spirit where nations are woven into friendship by spirituality and beauty."

*Homage to the Great*—Kalākshetra has during the year striven as in former years to revive and re-establish the true Indian tradition of remembering and paying homage to all the world's greater workers for Brotherhood, for Religion, for Truth, throughout the ages, by celebrating important festivals and days of remembrance.

*Vasantotsavam*—The Vasantotsavam (Besant Festival) arranged by Rukmini Devi in homage to Dr. Besant,

was inaugurated by Dr. Arundale on September 20th, the anniversary of Dr. Besant's passing. On the 21st Rukmini Devi gave a dance recital with new compositions. This was followed on the 30th by a veena concert by Vidwan Sri Sambasiva Aiyar of Karaikudi, a celebrated veena player of South India. On the 30th morning there was Vidyarambham, when all the pupils of Kalākshetra and the Besant Theosophical School began their new lessons, Sri Sambasiva Aiyar inaugurating the music, vocal and veena classes. On the 28th there was to have been a Nātya-Brindam, a classical variety programme of dances and music, but this was dropped owing to the most tragic passing over, through an unfortunate accident, of Mr. Conrad Woldringh, one of Kalākshetra's most outstanding artists and an irreplaceable worker. Kalākshetra also lost by death, on October 25, another esteemed and valuable worker, Pandit Subramania Sastri, who generously brought his outstanding capacities to the service of Kalākshetra as director and teacher of religious and Samskrit studies.

*Public Appreciation*—The artistic and cultural ideals set by Kalākshetra are beginning to receive public appreciation and support, though such support is as yet inadequate to meet the growing demands on us. This is noticeably borne out by the fact that public bodies, art associations, clubs, etc., are gradually looking up to Kalākshetra for providing really standard entertainments for their special functions. A notable instance was the variety entertainment by pupils of Kalākshetra, organized by Rukmini Devi at the invitation of the Madras Cosmopolitan Club, when His Excellency the Viceroy was entertained by the Club during his visit to Madras on July 30th.

On other occasions, Srimati S. Radha gave dance recitals in Coconada at the

invitation of the Andhra Nataka Kala Parishat, at Madanapalle in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of The Theosophical College, and in Madras under the auspices of the Indian Fine Arts Society.

*Educational Activities*—Much experimental work by Kalākshetra is being done at the Besant Theosophical School in the endeavour to evolve a true Indian education, allying the more intellectual and physical aspects of education with the Arts.

It is the aim of Kalākshetra that as the younger generation come within the sphere of its influence they shall be rightly educated, and thus equipped to make our future civilization more refined and harmonious. For this purpose Kalākshetra works in close association with the Besant Theosophical School, directing its art section and its religious and cultural activities.

Apart from this general and cultural work, Kalākshetra is actively engaged in training pupils who have specially dedicated themselves to the study and practice of one or several branches of Art and to make them their life expression.

Dancing, music (vocal and instrumental), art, sculpture, painting, crafts, weaving, costume and embroidery, dramatics and voice culture, are the several subjects in which studies are arranged and directed. There are at present 33 pupils undergoing training in this department.

*Production Departments*—In drama, Rukmini Devi, with the close co-operation of competent workers, including Mr. Alex. Elmore, has been able to give a new orientation to this form of Art. The essential Indian spirit has ever been dominant, though modern stage equipment has been used. Amongst the new productions during the year were several successful short plays produced in conjunction with the pupils of the Besant Theosophical School, and "The Flashing Comet" (Incidents from the Life

of Giordano Bruno) in English, and "Karaikkal Ammaiyaar" in Tamil.

The Weaving Centre under Kalākshetra continues to produce hand-woven materials of old designs, so very much appreciated by real lovers of art during Rukmini Devi's last North Indian tour. The Crafts Department has also steadily grown, specializing in the manufacture of Montessori educa-

tional apparatus. In the publication department, one new book was added during the year: *The Faith of the Artist*, by James H. Cousins.

The membership of Kalākshetra during the year has risen from 147 to 177.

G. R. VENKATRAM,

2-1-1942

Manager.



# WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

## INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

*Headquarters : Adyar, Madras, India*

**Hon. President :** Dr. George S. Arundale, Adyar.

**President :** Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

**Joint General Secretaries :**

Mr. Rohit Mehta, Adyar, Madras, India.

Mr. John Coats, Auton-Dolwells, Milverton, Somerset, England.

### Incorporated Federations

**All-India Federation :** President, Shrimati Rukmini Devi : Fed. Secretary, Rohit Mehta, Adyar ; Joint Fed. Secs., Miss Tehmina Wadia, Mrs. Shree Devi Mehta, Miss M. P. Dubash, Mr. K. G. Bhadbhade.

**Australian Federation :** Pres. and Acting Fed. Sec., John G. Clarke, Vasanta Hall, 200 Boundary Rd., Brisbane.

**Burma Federation :**

**European Federation :** Pres., John Coats ; 50 Gloucester Place, London W. 1.

**South African Federation :** Pres., Mrs. Margaret Erwin, 30 Springfield Crescent, Durban, Natal.

### National Sections

**Canada :** Oba Garside, 32 Lonsdale Road, Toronto, Ontario.

**Cuba :** Miss Maria G. Duany, Ave. No. 17, Vista Alegre, Santiago de Cuba.

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**Netherlands Indies :**

**Philippine Islands :**

**U. S. America :** Pres., Frank Durand ; Nat. Sec., Miss Marguerette Riechers, 225, N. Meramac, Clayton, Missouri.

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**Denmark :**

**England :** Ian Hammond, Stamford House, Wimbledon Common, London S.W. 19.

**Finland :**

**France :**

**Hungary :**

**Netherlands :**

**Poland :**



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Sweden :

Switzerland: Mlle Marinette Courgey, 17 rue Merle d'Aubigne, Geneva.

Yugoslavia :

Wales: Miss Abraham, The Theosophical Society, 3 Rectory Road, Penarth.

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New Zealand: J. G. Patterson, Vasanta House, 72, Williamson St., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3.

Roumania :

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## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

Station, Madras,  
*Dated 3rd April 1905.*

## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy*

*and Governor-General of India in Council, being*

*an Act for the registration of literary,*

*scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The name, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

### GENERAL COUNCIL

#### *Ex-Officio*

*President-Founder* :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President* :—A. P. Sinnett, London, Eng., Author.

*Recording-Secretary* :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

*Treasurer* :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.



Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N. Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

### *Additional*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Goody, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY	...	{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...		„ W. A. ENGLISH
„ PYARE LAL	...		„ SUBRAMANIAM
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...		„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
			„ UPENDRANTH BASU
			„ ANNIE BESANT
			„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such

members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting,

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be contempt for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting, concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or whenever the office becomes vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, who have consented to accept nomination for the office, may be sent in to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations. At the expiry of this period the Recording Secretary shall communicate the nominations to the General Secretaries, and to the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section—that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of Annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section—and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. At the expiry of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the votes shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue

till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Exe-

cutive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.



20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice, and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Note.*—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or



of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instrument requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

### HEADQUARTERS

26. The Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

### ORGANIZATION

28. Every person, regardless of sex, age, race, creed, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in The Society but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of parent or guardian. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form and signed by the applicant.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the

Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents a reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application

for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may, by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from The Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of the T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

# FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(a) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. (a) Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

(b) Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not less than £20 to be paid to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 (a), or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from The Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from The Theosophical Society under Rule 36 (b), its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to The Society belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in The Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President, or his nominee in its behalf and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of The Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in The Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which The Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document of documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

### MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

### REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.



## GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1942

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- M. R. RY DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA DHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1941, 1942 and 1943).
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- MR. JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karachi (for 1941, 1942 and 1943).
- DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Adyar, Madras (for 1941, 1942 and 1943).
- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, 33 Ovington Square, London, England (for 1942, 1943 and 1944).
- MR. N. SRI RAM, Adyar, Madras (for 1942, 1943 and 1944).
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## MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held at the Headquarters, Adyar, on December 26th, 1941, at 2.30 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. George S. Arundale	... President, in the Chair.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	... Vice-President.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... Recording Secretary.
Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar	... Treasurer.
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	... General Secretary, Indian Section.
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	... General Secretary, The T. S. in Burma.
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in England, New Zealand, Scotland and Puerto Rico.
Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer	... Additional Member.
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	... Additional Member.
Mr. Narasimham Pantulu	... Additional Member.
Mr. H. K. Mehta	... Additional Member.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	... Additional Member.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member.
Mr. J. L. Davidge	... Representative for Australia.
Mr. H. J. Nt. van de Poll	... Representative for South Africa.
Dr. Alfonso Tavera	... Representative for Colombia.

These representatives, not being Members of the General Council, were not eligible to vote as Proxies, but were invited to be present by special permission of the Council.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings held on December 25th, 1940, and January 1st, 1941, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of Minutes.*—None.

Regarding Propositions and Resolution circulated to the Members of the General Council in August 1941, it was reported by the Recording Secretary that out of a total number of 40 votes only 18 votes had so far been



received, the remaining votes being probably delayed on account of the present abnormal circumstances.

3. *Rules and Regulations.*—The voting in respect of the proposal to revise the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society was as follows :

For	... 16
Against	... 2

After some discussion, it was Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of

1. Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	... Vice-President of The T. S.
2. Mr. Rohit Mehta	... Recording Secretary of The T.S.
3. Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar	... Treasurer of The T. S.
4. Mr. N. Sri Ram	} Additional Members of the General Council.
5. Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	
6. Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu	

be appointed to consider the Rules and Regulations in the light of the President's circular letter of August 1941 and report its recommendations to the General Council for consideration at a special Meeting.

4. *Creation of a "Besant Memorial Fund".*—The voting in respect of the proposal to start a "Besant Memorial Fund" to which members all over the world could be requested to subscribe and the same to be used for running the Besant Theosophical School at Adyar was as follows :

For	... 15
Against	... None

It was however decided that consideration be postponed in view of the present world conditions.

5. *Resolution in respect of the proposed alienation of a piece of land in favour of Government.*—The Recording Secretary reported that as the Resolution related to disposal of land, which is specially provided for in Rule 21(c), it required a three-fourths' vote of the entire membership of the General Council *viz.*, 30 out of the present strength of 40, and as only 18 members had voted (17 in favour and 1 holding that the Resolution was not necessary as the proposal came under the Land Acquisition Act), the voting was a failure. After discussing the ambiguity of the Rule on this point *viz.*, whether the Rule meant three-fourths' vote of its whole number of members or of the total number who actually voted, the Council endorsed by a majority the view of the Recording Secretary that it meant the former. The Resolution was not carried for want of majority according to Rule. The Council, however, recommended as follows :

"As sufficient number of votes had not been received let the Government issue the usual notification for compulsory acquisition. Thereafter the amount of compensation may be amicably fixed."

6. *Confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta as Vice-President.*—The voting in respect of the nomination of Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta as Vice-President of The Theosophical Society was as follows : 19 for, none against and 1 not voting. The nomination was therefore confirmed.

7. *Election of Additional Members.*—The undermentioned Members, having secured the majority number of votes in favour of their election, were

declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1942, 1943 and 1944).

Mr. J. E. Van Dissel  
Mr. N. Sri Ram  
Mrs. Adelaide Gardner

8. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were explained by the Treasurer, and after some discussion, were adopted.

9. *Pension for the Niece of H. P. Blavatsky.*—It was reported that the sum of £ 60/- which had been allotted last year was not actually drawn. It was decided that a sum not exceeding £ 60/- be allotted this year also to replenish the Fund.

10. *Budget for 1941-42.*—The Budget for the year ending 30th September 1942, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee of The Theosophical Society was adopted as below with the following commendation :

*Depreciation.*—With reference to the proposal of Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji that the amount debited each year under this head to Revenue Account be shown under Investments (earmarked for the purpose) in the Balance Sheet and the Treasurer be requested to consult the Auditor and Mr. N. A. Naganathan, the Financial Adviser, in the matter and if they approved the acceptance of the proposal of Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji, the amount so far debited *viz.*, from the year 1938-1939, be shown under the head "Investments" by making the necessary changes in the Balance Sheet.

## THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1941-'42

EXPENDITURE	Actuals	Budget	INCOME	Actuals	Budget
	1940-'41	1941-'42		1940-'41	1941-'42
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Establishment ...	7,553	8,500	Rent ...	23,788	24,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	7,131	10,000	Fees and Dues ...	14,065	8,000
Lighting and Water ...	2,261	3,000	Sanitation ...	964	800
Miscellaneous ...	2,552	3,400	Interest (Gross) ...	17,235	18,000
Watch and Ward ...	2,608	2,300	Administration Charges ...	9,372	9,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	2,359	2,500	Gardens ...	8,711	10,780
Printing and Stationery ...	1,784	2,000	Press Department ...	2,560	2,560
Publications to General Secretaries ...	741	1,000	Publicity ...	1,900	1,900
Pensions ...	1,610	1,500			75,040
Welfare Grants ...	775	1,000	Special Departments:		
Taxes ...	473	500	Engineering Department ...	46,362	17,950
Sanitation ...	1,596	2,100	Laundry ...	4,671	4,000
Gardens ...	13,391	15,060	Bhojanasala ...	49,533	50,650
Interest payable on Funds ...	9,260	9,500	Dairy ...	8,510	7,200
Press Department ...	2,560	2,600	Leadbeater Chambers ...	7,614	12,600
Publicity ...	2,065	1,900	Vasanta Press ...	55,630	33,000
Contributions:			Adyar Library ...	14,156	14,200
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	Deficit to be covered by donations ...		21,220
Dispensary ...	800	800			
President's Fund ...	6,600	6,600			
Publicity ...	750				
Museum and Archives ...	76	300			
Depreciation ...	12,536	12,000			
Special Departments:		91,560			
Engineering Department ...	46,809	15,860			
Laundry ...	5,009	4,300			
Bhojanasala ...	51,169	49,100			
Dairy ...	8,306	7,120			
Leadbeater Chambers ...	15,810	16,120			
Vasanta Press ...	61,848	35,600			
Adyar Library ...	16,007	16,200			
		2,35,860			2,35,860

11. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1942.*—The following were elected as members of the Executive Committee for the year 1942 :

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	} Re-elected.
Mr. M. Narasimham Pantulu	
Mr. K. Sankara Menon	
Shrimati Rukmini Devi	
Mr. N. Sri Ram	} New elections.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	

12. *Award of Subba Rao Medal.*—Resolved that the recommendation of the President and the Executive Committee of The Theosophical Society to award the Subba Rao Medal for 1941 to Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta be approved.

13. *Appointment of Auditor for 1942.*—It was resolved that Mr. V. Soundararajan, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., Registered Accountant be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1942 on the same terms and conditions as in previous years, except that, as recommended by the Treasurer and the Financial Adviser, the remuneration of the Auditor be raised from Rs. 400 to Rs. 500.

14. *World Fund for Theosophy.*—It was decided that consideration be postponed for another year in view of the present world conditions.

15. *World Congress.*—It was decided that the World Congress to be held in 1942 be postponed owing to war conditions.

16. The President drew the attention of the Council to the Far Eastern situation suggesting at the same time that, as a precautionary measure and to avoid possible danger to the Archives of The Society in the event of an enemy attack from the air, steps would have to be taken to remove the Archives along with the Theosophical Headquarters (the Administrative Headquarters of the President and the Executive) should an emergency arise, to a safe place away from Adyar, for such time as might be necessary during the period of war. The Council expressed the opinion that any steps taken by the President in this direction would be within the powers of the President as custodian of the Archives and Records of The Society.

The meeting terminated at 3.30 p.m.

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